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## WASHINGTON.

### *REFUNDING OF DUTIES.*

LETTERS OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON TO HON. E. H. ROBERTS AND SENATOR SHERMAN.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

WASHINTON, March 2.—Secretary Richardson has anticipated the full report called for by the House as to the amounts refunded for Customs duties received since the 4th of March, 1873. He says it will require considerable time to complete the statement which the House desires, but the following letter gives an approximate statement of the amount, and explains the manner in which moneys are refunded for over deposits, as well as on other grounds:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Feb. 28, 1874.

*Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives:*

DEAR SIR: Referring to our conversation this morning, and to your request that I would inform you as nearly as I am able to at this time what amount of money refunded by the Government since March, 1873, in advance of the full and complete answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of Jan. 8, 1874, directing information to be furnished of the amounts of money refunded since March 4, 1873, on account of Customs duty and internal taxes previously paid into the Treasury, the names, persons, and whom paid, and the amount to which respectively, and upon what articles the refund was made, together with a recital of the reasons for such payment, and the laws under which the same are made, I have the honor to say I find, after inquiry and examination of the papers now in progress of preparation in answer to the resolution, that the large amount of refunds arise in this way: Importers, when they make their entries at the Custom-houses, being anxious to withdraw their goods immediately, and without waiting for a careful calculation of the amount of duty actually due, and the reduction of invoices from the foreign money of account in which they are made to United States money, usually make deposits of coin large enough to cover with certainty all that they will be obliged to pay on final adjustment, with a margin additional in order that the Collector may be fully secured. Upon a final adjustment it frequently appears, of course, that they have deposited a much larger amount than was actually due, and this amount is refunded to them, not as an erroneous assessment, but as an over deposit. The amount of excess of deposits and refunds paid, being for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, was $3,120,192 90; of the amount thus paid since March 4, 1873, I cannot find by the returns now in the department that there has been paid on costs of protest and appeal and on suits more than $1,422,269 99, with $393,479 76 interest and costs allowed by the courts in judgment received for such refunds, and on suits discontinued without judgment, making in all thus paid $1,822,740 75, as nearly as I am able to estimate. Whatever sums may have been paid above that amount must have been paid as cases of deposit. These figures may not be entirely correct, and when final returns are received from the Custom-houses throughout the country, as now called for by the department, the amount may be somewhat increased, but to what extent it is impossible for me to ascertain. It is proper to state, however, that the sum specified, $1,822,740 75, thus paid, includes not only what has been refunded upon protest and appeal, but that which has been recovered on interest and costs from suits pending in the courts, one of which, after having been twice tried, and each time decided against the Government, and recently finally decided, was commenced in 1852, and others of which have been pending for different parties since that time. It also includes the amount refunded under the Chicago Relief act, on goods imported and used in the rebuilding of that city, as well as money refunded under the law authorizing a refund of duties for material entering into ship-building, passed June 6, 1872. I am informed that it will require a month's time longer to obtain from all the Custom-houses in the United States details sufficient to answer the resolution completely, but what I have said will give you a general view of the condition of matters and the way in which refunds occur.

Yours, very respectfully,

WM. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

REFUNDED DUTY ON FRUITS.

The following letter was sent to Senator Sherman to-day by the Secretary of the Treasury, and contains a statement of the amount of duties on fruits refunded after the recent change in the ruling of the department, about which there has been some controversy:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Feb. 27, 1874. }

*Hon. John Sherman, United States Senator, Chairman of the Finance Committee, United States Senate:*

SIR: In accordance with the request made to me by the Committee on Finance when I was before them yesterday, I have the honor to state the following facts in relation to the money refunded, or to be refunded, on account of duties paid upon fruits heretofore imported: The whole amount is $70,607 52. The last payment having been made Jan. 31 last, there remains unpaid in cases where protests and appeals were taken and suits commenced, the sum of $21,982 81. The suits in these cases were discontinued by direction of the department upon the ground that the department would refund the amount of duty paid. It is possible there may be a few more claims where protests and appeals have been entered but not yet reported to the department. I am informed the amount in such cases cannot exceed $10,000. There are, no doubt, many cases where parties have paid duty on fruits on protest and appeal, but they have no valid claim in law or equity. The law is specific and clear, that to entitle parties to a refund of duties they must protest and appeal, and that law is necessarily enforced in all cases. If it is to be abandoned for those who have paid duties on fruits, it ought, with equal justice, to be abandoned in all other cases, which in the past must have been very numerous. Where duties are paid without protest, it is to be presumed that the amount paid is added to the cost of the articles, and paid by the consumer, who would not be benefited by a refund to the importer, while such refund would be a clear additional profit to the latter. When a protest is made the importer acquires a vested right expressly conferred by law.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS.

Secretary Richardson has informed a member of the Ways and Means Committee that he will send to the House a supplemental answer to the resolution of inquiry regarding the Sanborn contracts. The further answer will include the paper of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue alluded to in last night's dispatches, as a protest against the methods of collecting revenues under the law authorizing the contracts, and the instructions of Mr. Boutwell to Supervisors and Collectors of Internal Revenue, and also an explanation of the omission of the name of Hon. Samuel Hooper in the printed document. The names were written upon one side of the paper only, except one sheet, which one of the copyists turned over, and which received a few names on the back. The name of Samuel Hooper was among those which were overlooked by the printer, and did not go into the printed document. The instructions from Mr. Boutwell to the revenue officers are said by Mr. Richardson to be in substance like the circular which he himself issued on Sept. 16 last in regard to the contract for John Clark, which is addressed to the Supervisors and Collectors of Internal Revenue, and is as follows: "You are requested to assist John Clark, in the examination of official records in reference to such cases of alleged violation of the Internal Revenue laws as may need some information from the offices of the Collectors and Assessors for the purpose of verifying his claims." The protest of Mr. Douglass relates to one specific case as a type of all, and is in the form of a letter to the Secretary, asking that the collection in the case named shall be made by the regular officers of the Internal Revenue service, and makes the point that the law authorizes the appointment of persons to aid the proper officers of the law, instead of persons to be aided by the Government officers. The withholding of the papers, whether accidental or otherwise, has made them appear of greater importance than from their nature they really seem to be.

SWINDLING IN WASHINGTON.

A bold and ingenious fraud, leaving a score or more of victims, has recently come to light in this city. It seems that a party of adventurers, whose nativity will be recognized by their names, viz.: Rudolph Blumenburg and C. Frank, of this city, and Michael Mandl, of New-York, began here, shortly after the opening of Congress, the business of loaning money upon securities of the District of Columbia as collaterals. These securities consisted of the several classes of bonds, and what are known as auditor's certificates, such as are issued to contractors in the settlement of their claims. They loaned chiefly upon the latter, and made their loans for the period of six months with interest generally at the rate of one and a half per cent. per month, so that it equaled nine per cent. on the amount of the loan. They found numerous customers among the brokers who negotiate loans for holders of securities, contractors, and others. Upon these latter securities they loaned from thirty to forty cents on the dollar. They then turned around and sold the security in the market at from forty to fifty cents on the dollar, and were ready to reinvest their money. These operations have been repeated to an extent covering, it is believed, over $100,000, and only within a week does their real purpose seem to have been suspected. Two of the party have now fled from the city, and it is estimated that they have reaped a profit of from $20,000 to $25,000 by their operations. A considerable number of brokers, bondholders, and contractors are their victims, without other recourse than a suit for breach of trust. Five or six victims came to light to-day, with losses varying from $10,000 to $30,000 each. Blumenberg is well known as a former detective, who was in the employ of the Liberals in 1872, and who victimized them out of a large portion of their North Carolina funds. Mandl professed to work on the Republican side in the same cause.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The Committee on Civil Service Reform has before it a bill to equalize some of the salaries of department officers, which will probably be agreed to by the committee. It raises some salaries which are notoriously inadequate. There seems to be no disposition to bring in a bill at all extravagant in its character, but only to make such adjustment as shall be equitable and right.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

The Committee to investigate the conduct of the District Government have a meeting to-morrow to determine further upon the method of conducting the examination. The papers called for by the committee were sent to the Capitol by the Board of Public Works to-day. All the contracts, vouchers, and certificates of measurement, amounting to many bushels in bulk, are arranged in perfect order, and any one of them can be referred to instantly. The answer of the Governor is a very long document, which, if printed, will make a thick octavo volume. One of the questions which the committee will consider to-morrow is whether the printing of this answer shall be recommended. The statement comes from a member of the committee, who has been inclined to magnify the charges against the board, that the case to be made out will not be so strong as he expected and was led to believe.

COURTESY TO THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

Senator Chandler on Saturday evening gave a reception to Chief Justice Waite, which was one of the most notable gatherings of the season, in its representation of the distinguished people of official life. The table, which was prepared under the personal supervision of Mrs. Chandler, exhibited the most exquisite taste, and in design and ornamentation has seldom been equaled in Washington.

THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

The centennial celebration occupied the attention of the Senate to-day, after the morning hour. There was a decided opposition to the international features of the proposed exhibition. Among the opponents were some of the ablest members of the Senate, including Messrs. Conkling, Ferry, of Connecticut, and Morrill, of Vermont. Mr. Sargent opened the debate with a carefully-prepared speech against any appropriation from the National Treasury to complete the enterprise. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, offered an amendment striking out the portion of the House bill which requested the President to extend, in the name of the United States, a respectful and cordial invitation to the other Governments to take part in the international exposition, and requesting him to extend such invitation, instead, to the Governors of each of the United States to be represented and take part in the national exhibition. This amendment received the support of the gentlemen above named. The Pennsylvania Senators, Messrs. Cameron and Scott, are making a determined fight to have the international clause retained and have the bill passed as it came from the House. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, stated that if it was the purpose to hold an international exhibition New-York was the proper place for it, as accommodations in that city would be sufficient for all visitors, while in Philadelphia, an attendance of 5,000 persons would exhaust its hotel resources. The bill will probably continue before the Senate several days. The international features of the exhibition receive more opposition than was anticipated, and the Senate may vote against giving it an international character.

MR. ROBERTS' REPLY TO MR. DAWES.

The speech of Mr. Ellis H. Roberts in the House, to-day, was in some respects a reply to Mr. Dawes, and in many particulars it was a refutation of some of the overstatements made by the latter. While Mr. Dawes' speech took a very gloomy view of the financial situation, and seemed to have scarcely a word of hope in it, the speech of Mr. Roberts, on the contrary, takes a very cheerful view of the situation and shows that the United States Treasury is still very far from going to protest. Mr. Roberts finds the condition of the country in the first week of March very different from its condition in the first week of December. In the latter month the Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to the House a letter asking for increased taxation in view of a possible deficit, and fixed the estimates of receipts for the fiscal year at $272,000,000. Mr. Roberts believes that to this estimate of receipts from $9,000,000 to $8,000,000 may be added from internal revenue sources, and from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000 from Customs, and that the proper estimate for the receipts is $238,000,000. He showed the fact that aside from the $4,000,000 made necessary by the Virginius excitement, the expenditures for the portion of the fiscal year which has now elapsed are less than for the corresponding portion of last year by $2,440,634. The statement for February adds something in favor of this year. Mr. Roberts thought that Mr. Dawes had unfairly represented the condition of the National Treasury. This was especially true of the statement which was the climax of his speech that, while the expenditures for last year were $290,000,000, with a reduction of the public debt, the expenditures for this year are $319,000,000, without a reduction of the public debt. These $319,000,000 embraced the sinking fund, and, had the proper deductions been made, a decreasing scale of expenditures during President Grant's Administration, would be shown. This scale is represented as follows: 1869, $322,000,000; 1870, $309,000,000; 1871, $292,000,000; 1872, $277,000,000; 1873, $296,000,000; 1874, $289,000,000. Even adding the Spanish war excitement expenditure of $4,000,000, the expenditures above the last year were less than $2,000,000. Besides, there have been taken from the Treasury this year already $12,000,000 for the sinking fund, and $6,000,000 in gold for partial redemption of the loan of 1858. The financial condition of January and February lend especial confidence to this hopeful view. In January the reduction of the debt was $1,185,211, against an increase in January of last year of $406,000, which is a better statement for this year by $2,500,000. In February the expenditures were less than for the same month last year, and the reduction of the public debt was $2,590,000, an amount greater than the demand upon the Treasury for the sinking fund. Mr. Roberts was confident that we are approaching the next fiscal year with an improving treasury, and that the balance against us will be measured only by the amount of the reserves that are outstanding. As to these reserves, Mr. Roberts would go as far as any one in reducing them. As to the special means of reform suggested by Mr. Dawes, Mr. Roberts showed that before Mr. Dawes' speech a Republican Congress had already taken the reforms suggested. This was true as to the following means of reform: First, a change in the law which gives the Secretary of the Treasury absolute discretion in cases of the refundment of duties; second, reduction of the number of Customs Collection Districts; third, a change in the mode of payment of pensions; fourth, greater economy in the construction of public buildings; fifth, a change in the law relative to appraisers of merchandise; sixth, reduction of appropriations for rivers and harbors; seventh, increase of postage upon bulky articles of merchandise sent through the mails. Mr. Roberts' conclusions were that the Treasury can take care of itself; that there is no need of increased taxation or of a forced loan, and that the present tax schedules should not be changed. He believed that the time had come when Congress should declare that the limit of the forced loan has been reached, and that this country should be honest. Fernando Wood has the floor for his speech on the same subject, when the House shall next go into Committee of the Whole.

POSTAGE AND THE FRANK.

Mr. Thomas C. Platt, of New-York, forced the House into a curious position upon the franking question. The House has refused to pass the Franking bill; has refused to reduce the expenditures for Government printing, and has refused to abolish the Government Printing Office. The subject of the newspapers and the Franking bill came before the House in several forms. Mr. Tyner wanted the rules suspended to pass the bill permitting the free circulation of newspapers within the county of their publication. The House refused. Mr. Fort wanted the Commissioner of Agriculture to distribute the agricultural reports free. The House refused. Mr. Platt, of New-York, proposed that the resolution directing the printing of 255,000 copies of the agricultural report be recalled and repealed, since there was no way of distributing them. This, in like manner, the House refused.

*Dispatch to the Associated Press.*

IMPEACHABLE OFFICIALS.

A bill introduced by Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, to-day, provides that whoever, being a civil officer of the United States, shall be presented for impeachment for high crimes or misdemeanors by the House of Representatives to the Senate of the United States, shall thereupon be suspended from all functions and authority vested in him by virtue of his office, with all salary, pay, and emoluments which might otherwise go to him therein, until he shall be discharged from such impeachment by the judgment of the Senate, or by the withdrawal of such impeachment by the House of Representatives. The duties, functions, jurisdiction, and powers of such suspension may be exercised by another officer, authorized by law to exercise the functions of the office in case of the resignation, death, or inability of such civil officer of the United States, or in case no provision has been made by law, the President is hereby authorized to appoint an officer with like powers, jurisdiction, and authority, to perform the duties of such suspended officer during the time for which he shall remain so suspended, who shall receive the salary, pay, and emoluments which would otherwise belong to such suspended officer.

CLERICAL FORCE IN THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Douglas has addressed a letter to Gen. Garfield, stating, among other things, that the great reduction in the number of officers over 1,200, and in per annum expenses over $1,500,000, effected by the act of Dec. 24, 1872, was recommended by him under the supposition that the clerical force of his office would not be reduced. He calls attention to the fact that the increased labor was thrown upon the office by that law, and incloses exhibits relative to the standing and running of distilleries and the duties of distillers and officers of internal revenue, as well as those of gaugers. The immense reduction in the force generally is also shown in detail, there being between Dec. 1, 1866, and Dec. 1, 1873, a reduction of over 5,000 persons. In addition to current work all the old work is continued as heretofore. The Commissioner gives at length his reasons against the proposed reduction of his office force, saying they are honestly stated, with no other motive than a desire to enable him to perform with dispatch the duties required by law, and with the minimum amount of loss and with convenience to the tax-payers.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Orange Jacobs, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Washington; Anthony Q. Keasbey, to be United States Attorney for New-Jersey; E. S. J. Neeley, to be Collector of Customs at Bath, Me.; J. W. Ross, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Indiana; Fred. D. Sewell, to be Supervisor of Internal Revenue for New-England. Postmasters—Jos. B. Stillwagen, at Flushing, N. Y.; Benj. B. Gale, at Atchison, Kan.; Edgar A. Tribon, at Tecumseh, Mich., and Robt. A. Sinclair, at Jonesville, Mich.

*DEATH OF "THE DUCHESS OF GENEVA."*

UTICA, N. Y., March 2.—The Duchess of Geneva, the famous $40,000 cow, died at the farm of Hon. Gerrit Smith Campbell at Ring Twit Hill on Friday.

## THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

### *OHIO.*

PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE IN COLUMBUS—THE PLEDGES TO BE PRESENTED.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 2.—During the latter part of the past week the ladies of Columbus have been very energetic in their endeavors to reorganize their band of temperance crusaders which had been left by Dio Lewis and Rev. John Russell, the prohibitionist lecturers, in such a divided and disorganized condition. In this work they have been thoroughly successful, and were it not for this drawback the movement would doubtless have assumed an aggressive shape by this time. Since the early part of the past week the prayer-meetings have been held in the afternoon, resulting in better attendance and more spirit. As matters now stand, the meetings are entirely conducted by the ladies, unless, by invitation, the city clergy assist them. Yesterday the services at a number of the city churches were devoted almost entirely to temperance. In the afternoon there were two temperance meetings, conducted separately by ladies and gentlemen. At the men's meeting, among those who addressed them was Mr. James Fisk, father of the late James Fisk, Jr. His presence had the effect of thrilling the hearts of many of those present. With no little emotion did he express his sentiments. The tragic death of his son was quickly and vividly brought to their minds. After thanking God for the good work which had been inaugurated and carried on with vigor and success in many instances by the fair daughters of Ohio, he bid them God-speed, and urged them not to cease or leave a stone unturned till their great mission was successfully accomplished.

To-day the temperance movement was once more put on a solid and permanent basis, where it will stand, unless again disturbed by outside discordant elements, as was witnessed last week. This afternoon the First Presbyterian Church was well filled with ladies, who conducted the exercises alone. At 2 o'clock the Executive Committee met, and reported what they had been doing. Immediately after this committee meeting a general prayer-meeting was held, presided over by Mrs. Ruth Binns, an old, motherly-looking Quakeress, who very acceptably filled the position of President. There was more earnestness manifested at this prayer-meeting than at many which had preceded it, owing, doubtless, to the services being entirely conducted by the ladies. During the afternoon a committee of twelve ladies was appointed, to be known as the Managing Committee, into whose hands future plans for carrying on the crusade were to be placed for approval, and to attend to such other matters as might come before them. The pledge committee also reported and submitted to those present the following pledges, which were voted on separately and finally adopted unanimously as a whole:

*Citizens' Pledge.*—We, the undersigned citizens of Columbus, severally pledge ourselves upon our integrity and honor to abstain from the use, as a beverage, of all spirituous liquors, wine, beer and ale; and that we will not give away nor offer, in any way, the same to others, to be so used; or use the same in cooking, and for table purposes.

*Property Holders' Pledge.*—We, the undersigned, property-holders in Columbus, Ohio, pledge ourselves not to let or lease our premises, or premises for which we are agents in this city, or permit them to be used or occupied for the sale or dispensing in any way of spirituous liquors, wine, beer, or ale.

*Dealers' Pledge.*—We hereby severally pledge ourselves not to sell, furnish, or give away, or allow to be sold or given away by any agent or employe of ours, either by retail or wholesale, of spirituous liquors wine, beer, or ale, in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

*Physicians' Pledge.*—We, the undersigned, physician, of Columbus, Ohio, upon our honor as professional men, promise hereby not to prescribe the use of spirituous liquors, wine, beer, or ale, only in case of absolute necessity.

*Druggists' Pledge.*—We, the undersigned, druggists of Columbus, Ohio, hereby pledge ourselves upon our honor as business men, that from this date we will, under no circumstances, sell or give away, or allow to be sold or given away, by any of our agents or employes, any alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, wine, beer, or ale, except upon the prescription of a reputable practicing physician, said prescription to be filled but once.

These pledges will be presented to the various parties they are intended to reach by the ladies in person. It is stated that one of the ablest lawyers in Columbus has reviewed the pledges and given his approval thereto. The presentation of these pledges to the wholesale dealers and merchants by the ladies of this City will, it is thought, be the first step. If those to whom the pledges are presented refuse to sign and live upto them, they will incur the displeasure of almost the entire patrons of the business community in this city.

UNION MASS-MEETING.

It had been announced that at 7:30 o'clock this evening, at the Second Presbyterian Church, there would be a grand union mass-meeting. Long before the meeting was called to order the edifice was densely crowded. The Chairman, Hon. B. E. White, of this city, promptly called the assemblage to order by calling upon a quartet of gentlemen, who sang an appropriate selection for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Hutchings, of the Congregational Church, then read a chapter from the Bible, after which Mrs. H. C. Lewis led in prayer. The Chairman then invited the entire audience to arise and unite in singing "Come, Holy Spirit." The hymn being sung the Chairman stated briefly the purpose for which the meeting had been called together. He appealed to all present, but more especially did he ask the aid of mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters. The eyes of the whole nation were anxiously watching the result of this woman's crusade. Henry C. Doble was the next speaker. He said this movement began in the hearts of Godly women, and was nurtured by the church of Christ, and that it was not an effort of force, as most men would seem to understand it. Women, he said, were not disposed to violate law, but, on the contrary, to act as if no law existed on the subject, by appealing to God to give them power to root out this giant evil. He believed that prayer and righteousness would avail much, and that Christian people could not turn their backs upon the great work. Ex-Gov. Dennison being called upon partially declined, giving as his reason that he had no set speech that would warrant his appearance before such an audience. He would not, however, give those present an opportunity to misconstrue his silence, if silence she uld be construed as not favoring the noble work of the Christian ladies before him. On the contrary, he felt the deepest interest in their work in this temperance movement. He thought that if good men and women did their whole duty God would care for the result, and he would earnestly recommend that the women carefully avoid any wrangling alliances with other temperance societies. More than all, he would pray that the women would keep out of the hands of the politicians. Gov. Dennison was followed by Hon. L. J. Critchfield, Mrs. Anson Brown, and others whose remarks were much of the same purport. The entire audience then knelt in silent prayer, after which the Chairman announced that he had some good tidings from Newark, Ohio. A hotel proprietor there had closed his bar-room for five years to come. This announcement was received with applause, and after a few closing remarks from the Chairman and singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Randall, and the meeting broke up.

### *PENNSYLVANIA.*

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN PHILADELPHIA.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 2.—The ladies identified with the temperance movement in this city have taken a rest to-day, which has served to allay the excitement incident to the crusade. By Wednesday, at the furthest, some new developments in the war may be expected, which may not be an open attack upon the saloons, but one not far removed from it. The women are working quietly. They have not abandoned the field, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The campaign is to be vigorously pushed and an onslaught made. There are now two distinct parties in the field, one advocating an active and open attack, the other a more conciliatory and peaceable one by secret and public prayer. Mrs. French, who represents the former, has a plan of visiting the houses adjacent to the bar-rooms and there holding forth in songs and prayers. It is hardly likely that the saloons themselves will be visited, as the ladies do not relish the idea of running the gauntlet of insult and calumny. Mrs. Goff, the leader of the moderation party, is in favor of paying visits to the saloon-keepers and of attempting to induce them to abandon the traffic. The women have just completed a strong temperance organization in the Twenty-second Ward, and are now ready for business. The liquor-dealers of the Nineteenth Ward this morning convened in secret session for the purpose of forming an organization to baffle the temperance people. Steps were taken to press the matter of petitions for the repeal of the Local Option law, which will come up before the Legislature during the present session. Other protective measures were adopted. Mayor Stokely has signified his intention of not interfering with the women, unless the present movement is too strongly condemned by popular opinion. Prayer-meetings have been held in various quarters of the city, and will be continued daily.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN PITTSBURG.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

PITTSBURG, March 2.—The Ladies' Temperance League held another meeting this afternoon, and finally perfected its organization by the election of permanent officers. The attendance was larger than that at any previous gathering, and there was more enthusiasm manifested. The officers chosen were all ladies, mostly the wives of prominent men. An effort was made to have resolutions of a political nature adopted, but it was unsuccessful. There were a number of short addresses, the ladies doing the greater part of the talking. The spirit of all was fervent in urging on the work just commenced. They might not be successful immediately, but perseverance and faith in God would insure ultimate victory. A gentleman created quite a sensation by saying that although he was not a wealthy man he would give bail for the first lady arrested, and pay her fine should one be imposed by the court. The President stated that a gentleman of means had expressed his willingness to furnish $1,000 in cash, if it were needed, to help the cause. Others, also, would give liberally. Rev. George P. Hays, President of Washington and Jefferson College, was introduced, and stated that he had just returned from Harrisburg, where he had been engaged in the not very honorable occupation of lobbying. He was assured while there that the repeal of the Local Option law was "set up," and if the ladies wished to prevent it they must move promptly. A poorly-clad woman here arose, and in a choking voice told of her miseries as a drunkard's wife. Even now her husband was lying drunk in a low groggery, and her children were actually suffering for food. Her remarks had a visible effect on the large audience. No plan of campaign has yet been agreed upon. The league will hold another meeting on Thursday afternoon.

### *NEW-JERSEY.*

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN CAMDEN.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

CAMDEN, N. J., March 2.—The temperance movement is taking a decisive attitude in this City, and, without doubt, before the week is ended, the raids upon the whisky establishments will be made by the Christian women. Yesterday, in all the churches, the temperance question received great attention, and at the Broadway Baptist Church a large mass-meeting was held. The organization for work is being effected quietly, but thoroughly, and the saloon-keepers as a consequence are somewhat alarmed over the prospect. A lively time is anticipated in the event of the praying bands commencing hostilities. The Camden Temperance Union is interested in the movement, and the crusade has been ordered through the New-Jersey State Temperance Alliance. During the week the war will be waged in other towns in this region. The Pastors of the churches are heartily backing up the cause, especially Mr. J. S. Phelps, of the Broadway Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Dalley, of the Baptist Congregation. Prayer-meetings will be held daily this week in various parts of the city.

### *MASSACHUSETTS.*

A MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION IN WORCESTER.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 2.—A meeting in Mechanics' Hall, of this city, this evening, to inaugerate the new temperance movement, was attended by 2,000 persons, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Speeches were made by Dio Lewis and clergymen of the city.

The movement is meeting with general favor.

In the course of his remarks Dio Lewis recommended that three bands of praying women of seventy-five each be organized to-morrow morning, and the work begun in the afternoon, and said that to-night he would promise that in two weeks every grog shop would be closed, and the drinkers obliged to drink water or go dry, unless aided by physicians' prescriptions.

Mr. Lewis was much gratified at the success of the meeting, and is confident of a favorable result.

The clergymen of the city are to meet to-morrow morning to take action.

The women meet in the afternoon for organization.

### *IN THIS CITY.*

One of the principal topics of conversation in this City is that of temperance. It is discussed with zest in the hotels, in the bar-rooms, and on the streets. Whether the "women's movement" here will amount to anything or not, one thing is certain, and that is that the agitation of the question in the present quiet way will help to increase the ranks of the temperance army very materially. Among the temperance leaders all is activity. The work is spreading, and though, in the main, the movement has been so far confined to two or three churches in this City, already some of the leading divines have expressed a desire to do something for the cause, and, in order to arrive at a mutual understanding about the best course for the ministers to pursue, have in view a conference during the present week. The leading lights of the Order of the Sons of Temperance will meet for deliberation at Carmel Chapel to-night. What they propose to do is not known. Some of the liquor-dealers have organized a mutual society for self-protection, but among a majority of them one opinion seems to exist, and that is that the lack of any organized movement by the women so far is a plain indication that the female portion of the community are not willing to take hold of the "crusade" and prosecute it to any great extent. Speaking of the temperance movement out West, yesterday, a merchant remarked that he had received a letter from his agent in Ohio, who stated that business in some of the towns in that State was almost entirely suspended on account of the existing crusade against the liquor-sellers. In Newark and Manafield, Ohio, nearly all the population had gone to preaching or to listen to the preaching of temperance. A. D. Fulton, Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance of Western New-York, writes that he has organized thirty-three temperance divisions within three months. Dr. Dio Lewis has promised to visit this City and address meetings here and in Brooklyn next week.

MEETING AT THE SEVENTEENTH STREET M. E. CHURCH.

A daily meeting for the promotion of the cause of religion and temperance was begun yesterday in the Seventeenth Street M. E. Church. Rev. William McDonald presided. The attendance was composed principally of ladies. After prayer and remarks by Rev. J. K. Inskip and the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Boole, many of the audience detailed their experiences of the evil results to be attributed to the use of strong drink. An earnest feeling of opposition to rum-selling seemed to pervade the assemblage. One old lady rose, and, in a subdued, trembling voice, said that in the Tombs and in Sing Sing were to-day confined miserable sinners who had brought misery upon themselves, and destitution and sorrow to their families and friends, by the use of the intoxicating cup. She testified her willingness to join in any movement that was prompted by the Holy Spirit which should be for the suppression of rum-selling in this great City. Another lady, attired in black, with tears in her eyes, implored the ladies to do something at once for the temperance cause. She had seen [illegible] misery and wretchedness on every side produced by the curse of intemperance. She appealed to the ladies to do, if needs be, what their sisters out West were doing in behalf of the cause. She looked upon the crusade against liquor-dealing as emphatically a woman's mission. It was for Christian wives and mothers to do what the politicians had utterly failed to accomplish in the past. After remarks by others Rev. W. H. Boole said that he could not approve of the women here going out and making any public demonstrations in behalf of the temperance cause until their hearts were fully imbued with the love of God. He advised all to pray earnestly that the blessing of the Almighty might descend upon them and prepare them for the work. Several ladies and gentlemen in attendance expressed their earnest sympathy for the movement and a desire to advance the cause of temperance. At 10 A. M. to-day another meeting will be held in the church.

MASS-MEETING AT CARMEL CHAPEL.

A mass-meeting of the advocates of temperance was held in Carmel Chapel, on the Bowery, last evening. The hall was crowded almost to suffocation, the audience being about equally divided between ladies and gentlemen. Daniel Walpole, Worthy Patriarch of Fidelity Division presided, and the exercises consisted of singing and a temperance speech by Rev. W. C. Steel, after which an interesting tableau was presented for the edification of the assemblage. Rev. Mr. Steel in the course of his remarks said that to Harriet Beecher Stowe was due a large share of praise for the triumph of the anti-slavery sentiment in this country. To woman's influence was due many reforms in the land, and, if she were only determined to array herself for the fight, the spread of intemperance might be lessened in our midst. The speaker advised the young ladies to unite and form resolutions never to entertain gentlemen visitors who tasted the wine-cup. The example would be a good one, and would have an enduring effect. He said that the enemies of rum had heretofore resorted to forcible means to prevent the spread of intemperance, but they had failed to accomplish by this means what they sought. The most effective way to stay the monster was by earnest and constant prayer. He urged the ladies to prepare themselves for any part they might be called upon to perform in behalf of the movement in this City. Womans' tears and womans' prayers, he contended, would avail more in promoting the good cause than all the laws that could be enacted would accomplish. Mrs. Annie Disney, of Utica, N. Y., then detailed her experiences in visiting some of the liquor-saloons in that city, by which she had been enabled to do much good. She concluded by informing her audience that she thought the women here might be enabled to accomplish great results if they only went about their work in the right way, and trusted in God, the Ruler of us all, for success. A number of young men present signed the pledge, after which the meeting adjourned.

## *TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN BROADWAY.*

THREE PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED—THE EFFECTS OF "PARLOR ARTILLERY."

At about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon an explosion occurred at the south-east corner of Broadway and Twentieth street, which resulted in the serious injury of three persons. At the time of the explosion Broadway was crowded with pedestrians, and the explosion, as may be readily imagined, caused the most intense excitement. It appears that the first floor of the building No. 900 Broadway, at the corner of Twentieth street, is occupied as a cloak and fur store by Mr. Emil Gere. Several weeks ago Mr. Gere let the show-window facing on Broadway to the Parlor Artillery Company for the exhibition and sale of a new toy in the shape of a mortar. The mortar is of brass, mounted on a metal base, and is fired by the explosion of a small cap containing a quantity of fulminating composition of great force. An India-rubber ball accompanies each mortar, and when placed in the mouth of the mortar, the force of the fulminating cap throws it to a considerable distance. It is pretended by the inventor and the proprietors of this toy that the use of it is entirely harmless; but the sequel shows a very different state of affairs.

Yesterday there were in the show-window of the building alluded to above a large number of the toys, and three large boxes of the fulminating caps. Each of these boxes contained twelve gross of smaller boxes, and each of the latter contained 150 caps, making a total number of 77,600 caps in the window. Shortly before 4 o'clock, Mr. Gere went out to attend to some business, leaving Charles Newton, aged twenty-four, of No. 219 Forsyth street, who represented the Parlor Artillery Company as their agent, alone in the store. A few minutes after he left a terrific explosion startled all in the neighborhood, and a volume of dense white smoke was seen issuing from the show-window of the store. Patrolman Paddock, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, who was standing at the corner of Nineteenth street, heard the explosion, and hurried to the spot. When he reached the store young Newton was standing in the doorway, a piteous spectacle. His head, face, and arms were covered with cuts and bruises, from which the blood flowed freely. His clothing was torn to shreds. He was scarcely conscious, and when questioned as to the cause of the explosion, could not give any intelligible answer.

On the sidewalk in front of the store, almost covered with broken glass, splinters of wood, &c., were found Mrs. J. M. Ewen, of No. 23 East Forty-fourth street, and Miss R. G. Dunn, aged sixteen, of No. 23 West Thirtieth street. They had been stunned by the force of the explosion while passing the store, and thrown down with great violence. They were also badly cut and bruised by fragments of glass and splinters. The injured persons were assisted by a number of policemen and firemen, who had quickly arrived at the scene, to a neighboring drug store, where their wounds were dressed. The ladies were conveyed to their homes.

Newton was found to be so badly injured that an ambulance was summoned by telegraph, and he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. The damage done to the building will amount to probably $3,000. The windows fronting on Broadway, and also the side windows on Twentieth street, were completely blown out and demolished. The ceiling of the store was badly cracked and broken, and in the immediate vicinity of the window the floor of the second story is ripped up in several places. The building belongs to Peter Goelet, and the upper floors are unoccupied. The loss to the stock of Mr. Emil Gere is estimated at $2,500.

The Parlor Artillery Company, of which Geo. W. Walker is President, also have an establishment at No. 181 Broadway, where it is said that immense quantities of these fulminating caps are stored. The loss of the company is estimated at $500. The cause of the explosion cannot at present be ascertained, but it is supposed that Newton had been arranging the goods in the window, dropped a box of the caps, which exploded, and the rest of the boxes followed. The force of the explosion was so great as to crack a pane of plate-glass in the window of Lord & Taylor's establishment immediately opposite, a distance of over sixty feet.

## *THE ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.*

CONDITION OF THE SURVIVORS—SEARCH FOR THE BODIES.

LONDON, Ontario, March 2.—All the injured survivors of the burned passenger car lying in this city and at Komoka are progressing favorably. Coroner Flock left to-day at 1 o'clock for Komoka, to commence the taking of evidence. Among the burned remains there is a face that is perfectly recognizable as that of one of the unfortunate young ladies. A locket she wore was found on the neck in good preservation. Last night eight coffins left this city for Komoka station. Yesterday afternoon, in searching among the wreck, a number of gold nuggets were found, supposed to be melted jewelry; also, two gold watches, which have been identified. After seven corpses had been identified, a number were still left, and it was supposed that one or two others had gone. Two gentlemen at Petrolia are reported still missing, and they were understood to be on the train. Hope is indulged, however, that they will soon turn up.

Mr. Breathwick, of London, who was among the injured, is reported to be sinking fast, and the doctors have no hopes of his recovery. Mr. Hay, of Tecumte, is reported worse. The others at Komoka are doing well. Among the injured brought to London was Jim Stevenson, of Windsor, the most notorious, as it is often said, of the rum pill peavers.

## LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

### *SPAIN.*

REPORTED SURRENDER OF BILBOA—EFFECT OF THE BOMBARDMENT.

BAYONNE, March 2.—A dispatch has been received by the Carlist Junta here, reporting that Bilboa has surrendered to the Royalists.

It is said that one church, several banks, and seventeen private houses have been destroyed by the bombardment of the city.

SURPRISE OF A REPUBLICAN CAMP.

BAYONNE, March 2

# STREET-CLEANING.

## THE LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY.

### EVIDENCE OF JOHN W. AMBROSE—THE QUESTION OF EXPENSES—THE MOST ECONOMICAL SYSTEM YET DEVISED—CHARLICK CONTRADICTED.

The inquiry instituted by the Committee of the Legislature on Cities into the abuses connected with the Street-cleaning Department resumed its session yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The evidence adduced was mainly of a cumulative character, and, regarded as a detailed statement of the probable expense of conducting the cleaning of the streets, was entirely at variance with the carefully prepared estimate of the Street-cleaning Bureau. The principal feature of the day's proceedings was the examination of Mr. John W. Ambrose, the most thoughtful and intelligent expert in street-cleaning in this City. From a thoroughly non-partisan and independent stand-point, Mr. Ambrose stated that he had extensive acquaintance with the business, and was clearly capable of forming an opinion respecting the general management of the department. He considered that the entire expense of placing the streets of the City in a proper sanitary condition should not exceed $750,000, and under a judicious supervision it could not, on any account, approximate the appropriation of $1,000,000. The appended report, which will be found of marked interest, gives a clear statement of the entire cost of "running" the department, and while in some particulars the suggestions advanced may be capable of improvement, it will be admitted that the system is vastly superior to that at present in use. Mr. Ambrose favors the idea of intrusting the conduct of the department to the Board of Health, on the supposition that both departments were intimately connected; and while he believes that the contract system had many advantages, he considers that its restoration would be the greatest infliction that would befall the City. The evidence already elicited has demonstrated the inefficiency of the present administration, and it hardly needed to recall the expression of Charlick to convince the general public that, under the present régime, it was impossible to stop the leaks of the City Government.

### THE PROCEEDINGS.

At the commencement of yesterday's proceedings Gen. Barlow announced that there was a great indisposition shown on the part of the witnesses in the employ of the City Government to attend, and he cited the case of Capt. Hyatt, where a $10 bill was offered for the non-service of the summons.

TESTIMONY OF A CONTRACTOR.

Robert Foster, a contractor, stated that in the year 1873 he dumped City stuff on the dumps in the East River, and paid a certain amount for every load deposited. The payment was represented by tickets, which were taken to the Central Office, in Mulberry street, and which he redeemed by payment of twelve and a half cents a ticket. The money he paid to Mr. McCorkle, and he thought in all it might have reached $150. He generally paid for the stuff he deposited on the scows, except in the early morning when he deposited matter there before any of the City men had arrived on the dock. He did not consider this an imposition, because he could not afford to let his stuff remain there all day, as his time was precious. Possibly he delivered 1,000 cubic yards, 900 cubic yards of which he paid for, and the remainder was delivered before any one came on the dock. For the year 1873, he supposed the amount he paid into headquarters was $150, but in this way he never kept any memorandum of it. The tickets that he redeemed to the amount of $150 he could not say belonged to the City, but they were frequently brought to his house, and he redeemed them without knowing from whom they came. Thomas Baldwin, Jacob Wynans, and James Mulry were briefly examined, but their testimony did not adduce anything material. Mr. Robbins testified that if he had the contract of the "trimming" department of the scows, he could make a saving to the City of $5 a week on each trimmer.

EVIDENCE OF JOHN W. AMBROSE.

John W. Ambrose testified: I am a general contractor and have had a large experience in connection with the Street-cleaning Department of this City. I have had a practical experience as foreman and dumping inspector in several wards. I have combined, when in the department, the duties now devolving on four foremen, and I have done that duty effectually. I am also familiar with the management of the Scow Department in its various details.

Q.—What is your opinion as to the possibility of separating the manure from the general stuff. It appears that in 1873, no separation was made. Will you be good enough to state your views as to the economy of such a separation, and the benefit which might be derived from this source? A.—As to the separation of the manure with the view of selling it as manure, I don't think it would be of any advantage to the department, except that the ashes separated from it would be available for filling purposes. The ashes and garbage could be separated at the dumping board. I have done it myself in a small way. You can do it by putting a screen on the dumping board. The garbage would not be of much use for the first year, because it would take all the energies of the department to organize the matter.

Q.—I understand you to say that by screens you can separate the ashes, which would leave the bones, rags, and other matters, which could be sold in different lots so as to realize a revenue. Can you form an estimate as to what would be made after the ashes has gone through? A.—If enough was realized from them to pay the expenses of separating them it would be about as much as would be made. Then you would have the ashes perfectly available for filling-up purposes. I would contract myself, and give a guarantee of $50,000, to find a market for the ashes, at the same time paying fifteen cents a cubic yard. There would be substantially $100,000 for the ashes after it was separated.

Q.—Now, your practical experience of the Street-cleaning Bureau is that if there were economy and management, this result would be attained? A.—Certainly; there is no doubt of it. Then there is another advantage: Nobody—the Board of Health or any other body—could object to coal ashes for filling-up purposes, and it could be used with great benefit in the up-town districts. In my opinion, it is the only way in which the Harlem flats can be improved.

Q.—Holding the opinion you do as to the present management of the Street-cleaning Bureau, it is not economical or judicious? A.—I think the conclusion is fair that it is unreasonable that the present department could be readily improved upon.

The witness was further examined as to the returns of the Inspector of the Street-cleaning Department, as to 1,150,000 loads of rubbish having been removed from the City. He said, in reply to Gen. Barlow, that the term "load" was very indefinite, but that it should contain a cubic yard, and that no matter how thoroughly the streets might be cleaned, they would not furnish more than 150,000 cubic yards. If the inspector paid for the removal of 1,100,000 loads (each of which should not contain less than a cubic yard) he has paid for 350,000 more than he should have done. The witness also controverted Capt. Thorne's statement that the manure measured less on the scows when emptied than in the carts, inasmuch as it was loosened by the dumping and had not time to settle. He did not think Capt. Thorne's explanation correct in this respect.

Q.—Does not the discrepancy between the scow returns and the measurement of the loads indicate that the inspector dishonestly charged the City more than he dumped, or received for a load that which was less than a load? A.—It does.

Q.—If a convenient place could not be procured for dumping, what would be the best way of disposing of the stuff so as to most advantage the City? A.—If I could not get a place to dump it I would, of course, take it out to sea. I have done this for five cents a yard, and I have got more than five cents a yard. If the matter were properly organized, and the proper amount of work were got from the men, I think it could be done for four cents.

Q.—It is suggested that the increased haulage from Mr. Charlick's property to where it might be dumped at sea, would be so great that the process would not be an economical one for the City. What is your judgment? A.—The City has two tugs, as Mr. Brown had, and the only additional expense that need be incurred would be a trifle greater consumption of coals—about five tons a month.

Q.—In the Summer of 1873, the department carried some 60 cubic yards to Newtown Creek, and carted it back to Mr. Charlick's at an expense of from twenty-five to thirty-one cents for unloading. We were told that was the most economical way in which it could be disposed of. I understand you to say that it might be carried down the bay and thrown overboard for from four to five cents per cubic yard?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then, the way in which it was disposed of was six times as expensive?

A.—Yes.

The witness, in reply to some further questions, said there was very little probable danger of a scow foundering in taking it out to sea in the Summer months, the only time when it was necessary to do so, and that he would prefer to risk the loss of an occasional scow than take them to places where they were continually grounding and getting warped and strained. The objection to taking the scows down the bay amounted, he said, to practically nothing, and he was of opinion that taking the stuff over to Mr. Charlick's property was an exceedingly bad bargain for the City. He was an exceedingly bad bargain for the City. He was unloading some of the stuff in 1873, and was unloading part of it at an expense of six cents a yard, and part of it for nothing at all. He would have taken 50,000 loads more than he got.

Q.—They sent over to Mr. Charlick between June and November some 30,000 yards; would you have taken that? A.—I would have taken the whole of it had been solicited to do so.

Q.—Have you an idea of how many ash-carts were used in any of the wards in 1873 for the removal of ashes? A.—According to the testimony, I think 30 each; I could only get 15 a day's work out of them.

Q.—Can you suggest any other way of keeping the streets in order? A.—I would suggest the way that I had myself adopted in the Fifth Ward, which was that of sweeping per load in different months, which you will see herein THE TIMES of to-day. [Hands paper to witness.] From Jan. 1, 1873, to July 1, 1873, the cost of labor per man per day was $1 75, and from July 1, 1873, to Dec. 1, 1873, it was $2. Yet the cost per load for sweeping varies in this way: March 59 cents, April 34, May 59, June 64, July 96, August 85, September $1 14, October $1 11, November 66, December 36. Can you account for these variations? A.—The expense of sweeping the dirt together after the Spring sweeping is completed should not vary at all. If the Winter is fair the Spring cleaning ought to be done in six days, and ought to be through before the 1st of April. The cost per load in September, which, according to that estimate, is $1 14, should not exceed what it did in April, when it was at the lowest figure, or thirty-four cents.

Q.—Then, in your judgment, they paid eighty cents a cubic yard too much? A.—I think so.

Q.—The price paid in September shows that a man could not have swept more than two cubic yards in any day. Is not that too little? A.—I cannot see how a man could occupy himself at sweeping two cart-loads during an entire day. I never saw the streets in such a condition that a man could not sweep four cubic yards. Any man could keep a cart employed for half a day—that is, sweep five cubic yards.

To the Chairman—I think a man could sweep ten cubic yards. I think thirty-four cents, if the City is cleaned twice a week, is a fair figure for gathering up the dirt. You cannot have a thoroughly clean condition of the City unless the streets are cleaned every day. I maintain that the whole City should be cleaned daily, and I am satisfied that the present amount of $1,000,000 is sufficient for the purpose, but I base my statement on the supposition that a proper department is to be organized. The thing has been done in such a miserably wretched way that an able man will not go into the work. The department should be organized the same way as the Police or the Fire Department. The men should be sworn, be paid a regular salary, and not be liable to removal in the absence of a charge preferred against them, and without that charge being thoroughly investigated.

Q.—What is your judgment about the cleaning of the City in the past year? A.—It is my judgment that the work will never be done efficiently by the Police Department, which is essentially a political body. The Board of Health is the body to manage that work. They are responsible for the cleanliness of the City, and at present all they can do is complain and prowl, and throw the blame on the Police Department. They should employ practical men, and would want to have an executive head. I don't say that the work could be done much better if they employed them as under the present system. The best labor in the country could be got under the system which I mention, and I maintain, no matter what may be said to the contrary, that 700 men, receiving $500 a year each, could do the work perfectly, leaving a large margin to be expended in other directions.

To Mr. Fisk—I would prefer the Board of Health to the contract system, and I would consider it a public calamity to bring back the contract system.

The Chairman—The Legislature could remedy that defect.

Witness—The only ordinance which the Police can enforce is that against throwing ashes and garbage into the streets, and I myself have counted in twenty-four hours 14,000 violations of that ordinance, when there were only two excess carts. The witness estimated the cost of removing the snow from Broadway, Fifth avenue, and some others of the principal thoroughfares at $1,000,000 when the Winters were not of exceptional severity. This Winter, he said, it would not cost nearly so much, and last year it would cost a great deal more. He estimated that under a perfectly organized system, the cost of new carts, sweeping-machines, horses and harness, fifteen new scows, and two new tug-boats would be $200,000. He was examined as to the returns of expenditure furnished by the Commissioner for repairs and other matters, and his calculation in almost every instance was that the cost was too great.

TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. WINANS.

Mr. James J. Winans was the next witness examined. He deposed that in 1873 he had charge of the New-Jersey scows. He received that year for the dumping of private stuff on those scows $2,200. There were only two dumps.

Q.—What did you do with the $2,200 you received? A.—I returned it to the New-Jersey Central Railroad.

Q.—The whole of it? A.—Not the whole of it.

Q.—Is there any part of the receipts of 1873 that you did not return? A.—I returned about $1,400.

Q.—What has become of the other $800? Has not the whole of it, or some part of it, been paid to some officer of the Street-cleaning Committee of the City of New-York? A.—I refuse to answer.

Q.—You say you received $2,200; you returned $1,400; what became of the other $800? We are bound to have an answer. A.—I have paid Capt. Thorne some money.

Q.—How much of did you pay Capt. Thorne? A.—That is more than I can tell.

Q.—Have you not paid him the whole of it? A.—Well, I could not say.

Q.—Don't you know that you paid him the whole of it? A.—No, Sir, I do not.

Q.—Don't you know that you paid him half of it? A.—Yes.

Q.—How much more? A.—I think I paid him $600.

Q.—What have you done with the other $200? A.—I cannot say that I had $800.

The witness was pressed at length on this point, but failed to give a satisfactory answer. In most instances he did not reply to the question at all; in another he said he may have paid the money to Capt. Thorne; then he spoke of other expenses, but failed to recall what they were. He denied that he had put a cent in his own pocket, and increased the amount for which he was unable to account to $295 by lessening in a corresponding degree the amount which he had paid into the New-Jersey Central Railroad.

Q.—What did you do with the $125? A.—That would take some time to study out.

Q.—You have had since Saturday to study it out. Have you brought your books and papers with you? No answer.

Q.—Now, is it not the best of your belief that all you did not pay into the Treasury of the New-Jersey Central Railroad went to Capt. Thorne? A.—I think it did.

Q.—Now, how often did you pay Capt. Thorne? A.—There was no set time.

Q.—How often does he come for the money? A.—I have seen him at different times.

Q.—What is the general proportion that Capt. Thorne gets? No reply.

Q.—You divided with Mr. Brown on the idea that the Jersey Railroad owned the scows, and that he owned the dumps? A.—Yes.

Q.—Now the City owns the dumps, and do you not deal with it on the same terms? A.—When Capt. Thorne first took possession he would have nothing to do with it.

Q.—When did he fall from grace? Don't you continue the arrangement with Brown and give one-half to the owner of the dumps? A.—Not one-half; there is no arrangement.

Q.—You were willing to give Brown one-half the receipts of the private stuff because he controlled the dumps. If the City controlled them instead, would you not give it one-half? A.—I don't know that I would.

Q.—You have no fixed rate of dividing with the City and Capt. Thorne? A.—I have no fixed rate.

Q.—You pay Capt. Thorne for what the City has done for you? A.—Yes, for the use of the dumps.

Q.—He ought to have paid that money into the City Treasury, and may have done it, so far as you know? A.—He may have, so far as I know.

Q.—Did you not suppose that he paid it to the City Treasury? A.—I did not form an opinion of it at all.

Q.—If you had received money for what your principal had done, would you not have paid it into the treasury of the New-Jersey Central Railroad? A.—I would.

Q.—You swear all you received in 1873 was $2,200? A.—Yes.

Q.—If the Inspectors said they collected more money and paid it to you, they would not be telling the truth? A.—They would not.

Q.—Do you keep an account of what you pay out? A.—Yes.

Q.—And what you receive? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you keep an account of what you pay to Capt. Thorne? A.—I keep a memorandum in a book.

Q.—Where is the book in which it is? A.—At home.

Q.—Why did you not bring it? A.—I did not think it would be called for.

Q.—Did you not see that your subpœna required you to bring your books and accounts? A.—Yes.

Q.—Then what do you mean by saying that you thought it would not be called for when you read the subpœna? No answer.

Q.—Were you telling the truth when you said that you had a book at home with the amount paid to Capt. Thorne in it? No answer.

The question was repeated several times, but the witness did not reply.

Q.—Have you a book at home with any of the payments you made to Capt. Thorne? A.—I don't know that I have.

After further examination the witness admitted that his statement that he had a book at home containing an entry of the payments to Capt. Thorne was incorrect, and that all the memoranda he had on the subject was what he had in his head. When asked why he did not make a memorandum of the payments to Capt. Thorne, he said it was because he thought they were presents.

A WITNESS RECALLED.

Mr. John D. Crimmins was recalled and examined as to payments which he had made to the Street-Cleaning Department. On the 26th December, 1873, he paid $561, of which the sum of $513 13 was for dumping on the City scows. In 1873 he paid $930 20 filling. He did not pay anything since the beginning of the present year.

TESTIMONY OF ANTHONY SAFFER.

Anthony Saffer, being sworn, testified: I am in the marble manufacturing business. We have disposed of our refuse stuff by having our own cartmen to carry it away. It was generally dumped at the dumps, foot of Corlears street, or at the dumps between Rivington and Stanton street. We also dumped some of it at the foot of Fifth street, East River. We were authorized to dump there by tickets which we purchased from the bureau. We generally paid in cash for the tickets. When we delivered a load at the dumps we handed a ticket to the dump inspector.

Q.—Did you ever have a system of giving your own tickets, signed with your own name, and of redeeming them afterward? A.—Yes. I do not know who redeemed them. I did not do it. I think my brother, J. J. Saffer, redeemed them. We dumped at the Rivington and Stanton street dumps from twelve to fifteen loads per month last year. I know of the firm of Maxwell & Dougherty. They made about the same amount of stuff as we did, and dumped, I think, at Rivington street.

EVIDENCE OF A DEPUTY WITNESS.

August Emrich, representing Mr. Alex. Stein, was next called upon to testify. He said: I am a sewell sawyer in the employ of Mr. Stein. Mr. Stein's establishment has been engaged in the manufacture of rubber and metal hose. We have been dumping our stuff at the foot of Fifth street, East River. The City authorities have not interfered with us. We have been dumping there for the last two years. We have been dumping there for the last two years. We have been dumping there for the last two years

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 2.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

100 West. Union..... 74⅞ | 300 Lake Shore..... 80¼
100 do..... 74⅝ | 300 do..... 80⅜
100 do..... 74⅝ | 500 do..... 80
100 do..... 74⅝ | 100 do..... 80⅜
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6100 do..... 80⅜ | 20 N. J. H. & H...131
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GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$5,000 U. S. 6s '81, reg. 119½ | $1,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67..... 112½
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67..... 112 1/16
$8,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '68..... 112⅜
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '68..... 112¼
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65..... 120⅜
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 c. 113
500 U. S. 5s, 10-40 c. small..... 112¾
5,000 do..... c. 113⅝
20,000 U. S. 6s, Cur..... 119⅛
10,000 U. S. 5-20 M. '67..... 119

BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$5,000 S. C. 6s, new, 2d M. & S..... 91½
6,000 Mo. 6s..... 95⅝
10,000 Tenn. 6s, old ex coup..... 70
3,000 N. Y. C. 6s '83..... 96
5,000 do. do. '87..... 95
4,000 Mich. So. 2d..... 99⅝
5,000 do. do. ..... 99⅝
1,000 C., P. & A. new..... 99
3,000 Un. Pacific 1st..... 85
21,000 do..... 84½
10,000 Chi. Tr. L. & D. W..... 82½
20,000 Chi. R. & N. W. sinking fund..... 56½
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# The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1874.


### AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—MONEY—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Brougham, Miss J. Lewis.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—A ROUND OF PLEASURE—VARIETIES—Mr. G. L. Fox, Mr. C. K. Fox, Wilson Brothers.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—LED ASTRAY—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—CHARITY—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Frank Hardenbergh, Miss Fanny Davenport.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—MARY STUART—Mme. Fanny Janauschock, Miss Mary Wells, Mr. Milnes Levick.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—LEATHERSTOCKING—Mr. G. F. Rowe, Miss Cathcart.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

THE COLOSSEUM.—CYCLORAMA OF PARIS BY MOONLIGHT—Music, &c.—Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—FARCES, SINGING, CONCALITIES—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour, and others.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—THE HUNCHBACK—Mr. T. C. King.

TAMMANY HALL.—BILLIARD MATCH between Cyrille Dion and Maurice Daly.

MAIN HALL.—THE PILGRIM. (Allegory.)

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"THE NEW-YORK TIMES has not yet found leisure to remark editorially upon SIMMONS."—*Springfield Republican.*

Why on earth we should be expected to go into this Simmons squabble we have not the slightest idea. We have contemplated it at a safe distance, with many thanksgivings that it was "none of our funeral." The whole of the Massachusetts press has been hammering at the subject, ding-dong, for weeks past; and we hope we know ourselves better than to interfere in a Massachusetts fight on either side. There *are* limits to human presumption. Cannot the Springfield *Republican* and all the Boston papers put together settle their affairs without our help? If not, we will open branch offices in Springfield and Boston, and put a speedy end to the incompetent journals; but, first of all, we should like to polish off the little work we have on hand in our own immediate neighborhood. As soon as we have set the rest of the universe to rights, we will take a turn at the Hub, but we should like to be allowed to finish one job at a time. Moreover, if our Springfield friend, with all his colaborers, cannot deal with such an affair as this of SIMMONS, what can be expected of us, who are only "an organ?"

Mr. C. L. BRACE, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society, explains to-day the use which has been made of the liberal donations received by the society—never more liberal than since the infamous attacks made on this excellent charity by the *Herald*. Mr. BRACE stands in no need of defense from the assaults made upon him, simply because he had the audacity to object to "*Les soupes Bennett.*" If twenty-five years of good reputation could be knocked to pieces by a few scurrilous articles, it would be a bad prospect for every decent man in the community. Mr. BRACE is known to thousands of our citizens as a most pure-minded, honorable, and wisely benevolent man, foremost in all good works, ever ready to assist the poor, though opposed to the introduction and spread of pauperism. His assailant is *not* famous in that particular way by any means.

Parents who have bought the toy-mortars which have recently been on sale in a store at the corner of Twentieth street and Broadway, must feel rather uncomfortable this morning. This interesting toy discharges an India-rubber ball to a "considerable distance," the propelling power being said to be nitro-glycerine—nothing more. It is warranted to be perfectly harmless. Nevertheless, the pretty toy blew out the front of a house yesterday, and severely injured several ladies who happened to be passing. We need scarcely say that it is a monstrous shame to allow dangerous explosives, such as this hideous "toy," to be stored in any of our thoroughfares. The maker of the infernal machine has another store at No. 181 Broadway, and we advise our readers to give that establishment a wide berth until the contents of it are seized. The Police ought at once to suppress the traffic, and parents who have bought the toys should understand that they have taken an engine of death into their houses.

A bill will be sent to the Legislature this week for the repeal of the existing State law which permits the collection, by Hell Gate pilots, of half-rate fees for pilotage when no actual service has been rendered. The Ship-owners' and Captains' Association, engaged in mercantile business in this City, have been instrumental in preparing the bill. Accompanying the bill will be a petition for its passage, signed by many names. This subject of compulsory pilotage has been a source of contention for years between the parties interested, the ship-owners insisting that the law is unjust, and the pilots asserting that by its enactment they obtain only what is due to them. The necessity of pilotage on all occasions through Hell Gate and the waters adjacent thereto, is denied by ship-owners, who complain that even in the case of their employing steam-tugs managed by experienced masters, and by the use of which means they gain in time and otherwise, they are obliged to pay the additional fees to the Hell Gate Association. The Hell Gate pilots hold that the additional fees but serve to make up a compensation for past years of apprenticeship, and the worth of their experience and knowledge. The channel is intricate and dangerous beyond a doubt, and the laborer is worthy of his hire. But the justice of the law should be looked into, and something done to give satisfaction, if possible, to all interested. The Legislature of Maine has objected to this compulsory pilotage as unjust and oppressive, and last Winter Gov. DIX sent a special message to the Senate calling attention to the subject. The message was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, and no legislation followed. The law has been amended once or twice, and in 1869 it was repealed so far as to permit the collection of additional fees when no service was rendered. In 1871 the law was again put in force, and since then compulsory pilotage has been allowed. The committee to whom the bill will be referred should look well into the matter.

It is the opinion of some of the best-informed members of the Legislature that the session this year can be made a much shorter one than usual. The principal financial bills are in an unusually forward state, and the committees having them in charge are pledged to give them the utmost attention until they are completed. The "raft" of special legislation which has often consumed the time of previous Legislatures, is this year much smaller than usual. If the Senate and Assembly can manage to get through inside of the hundred days, and, having dispatched the bills necessary to keep the machinery of the Government in running order, to go home, they will do themselves and their party a substantial service.

Gen. BUTLER'S ingenuity in gilding unpalatable pills seems to be without limit. Having set his heart upon the restoration of franking, he yesterday introduced a bill which he called an "Act to enable members of Congress to do the public business with their constituents and the departments." This appears innocent enough, but the bill provides that during the sessions of Congress, and for thirty days prior and subsequent thereto, all the written and printed matter of members shall go through the mails free. In effect, the bill restores the franking swindle in its worst form, but we are glad to see from some test votes on the question in the House yesterday that it has little chance of passage. Gen. BUTLER is likely to have more success in making Federal officers, and should confine himself to efforts in that line in the future.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* says that the streets of that city are cleaned for $150,000 a year, Though by no means a model in this respect, Brooklyn may with perfect safety be said to be kept quite as clean as New-York. The traffic on the streets is, of course, very much less, but their gross mileage is equal to, if not greater, than that of New-York. Yet our Police Commissioners spent last year ten times as much as the Brooklyn Board of Works upon street-cleaning. The latter continued, moreover, to pay for the separation of ashes and garbage—a thing not attempted here—and they obtained a revenue from the sale of offal.

In another column will be found a most influentially-signed petition against the inflation of the currency. Appended to that petition are the names of the Presidents or Cashiers of forty banks and trust companies, of the Presidents of ten insurance companies, of thirty of our prominent financial houses, and of about 150 leading merchants and manufacturers in various branches of trade. The signers of the petition are thoroughly representative of the interests of New-York commerce and finance. They take their stand upon the obvious principle that "the issue of irredeemable paper money, and making it a legal tender, is simply levying a forced loan upon the people of the United States," and they refer to the fact that no civilized Government has ever resorted to the issue of irredeemable paper money in time of peace. They urge that the further issue of greenbacks by the Secretary of the Treasury should be at once stopped, and that every dollar of the so-called reserve already issued should be called in.

Senator SARGENT discovered a new argument yesterday against making the Centennial Exhibition international in its character. As 1876 will be the Presidential election year, Mr. SARGENT views with apprehension the prospect of "foreign powers" being invited to come and observe our great quadrennial assault upon the character of public men. This argument has at least the merit of supplying an antidote to the lively concern manifested by Mr. SUMNER in regard to the disquieting effect of Republican oratory upon the minds of the representatives of the effete monarchies of Europe. Even the representatives of her Britannic Majesty, who, Mr. SUMNER thinks, will be dreadfully cut up by the necessarily uncomplimentary references to GEORGE III., of pig-headed memory, might derive some consolation in reflecting that the Declaration of Independence was sufficiently atoned for by the inevitable ordeal of a Presidential campaign. Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, made the insidious suggestion that if the exhibition is to be international it should be held in New-York. We trust that the Philadelphia papers will not set this down to the diabolical promptings of the New-York press. We really don't want the big show; Mr. MORRILL cannot tempt us to bid for it by a reference to our magnificent bay and abundant hotel accommodations. We have already declined to subsidize an exhibition supposed to be likely to compete with the Philadelphia show, and we are even prepared to concede that foreign potentates would much the harbor of New-York, if the newspapers of the Quaker City will only give us credit for being perfectly disinterested in the matter.

### CITY AND STATE.

A mole burrowing in the earth, without thought or care whither it is tending, fitly illustrates New-York legislation in recent years in regard to the material interests of the State and City. It is not denied that we are hardly pressed on all sides by rivals, eager to strip us of the trade to which our supremacy in the nation is due, yet nothing is done to avert the disaster which every one sees is impending. Canada extends and enlarges its canal system, so that the trade of Montreal increases 285 per cent., while that of New-York is increased only 57 per cent.; but we fall back on isothermal theories, declare that to be impossible which has already been accomplished, and do nothing for the Erie Canal, on which our prosperity is admitted to depend. Not contented with the blind stupidity of this inaction, we cling with the tenacity of infatuation to the Usury laws and the taxation of mortgages.

The time has come when facts must be looked honestly in the face. The prosperity and supremacy of the State of New-York depend wholly upon the City. When the City begins to roll down hill, the State must surely follow after it. The City is, beyond all question, the meat upon which the State has grown so great. Now, what is the case with regard to the City? We are forced, by recent revelations, to the unpleasant conclusion that if the present policy is continued, our City has reached the summit of all its greatness. During the present decennial period it may about hold its own; during the next it will begin to retrograde. It is well enough to say in the spirit of boasting that the City is the heart of the great system made up of itself, Brooklyn, Westchester, and the contiguous counties of New-Jersey; but of what value is the heart after the blood is withdrawn from it? Year by year the City is depleted for the benefit of its neighbors, and this depletion must go on until it is stopped by the removal of the causes to which it is due. It is true that the City will, after a time, drag down its neighbors to ruin with itself, but we fail to find any satisfaction in that reflection.

Few things are required to keep the City the mistress of the continent. One of them is to adopt without delay, and enforce without cessation, the canal policy to which the Republican Party is pledged, and which we have urged upon public attention until we are tired of the thankless task. Another is to afford ample terminal facilities for commerce, for those we can now present are farcical in their poverty. These will give renewed life to the City; but in order that it may be sure of healthy, vigorous growth, those twin relics of primeval stupidity, the Usury laws and the taxation of bonds and mortgages, must be swept away. The latter measure is especially a most pressing necessity. Elsewhere we print a letter which proves this fact with great clearness. It is demonstrable that this taxation has driven capital from us, has prevented improvements, has paralyzed productive industry, and has largely benefited our neighbors at our expense. Owing to this taxation, millions of our capital are sent beyond our limits for investment where the rate of interest is high, and there is complete freedom from taxation, penalties, and forfeiture. If the laws of New-York had been designed expressly to rob its people of all the advantages of accumulated capital, they could not have more completely secured that result than they have done. Without constant accumulations of capital, superior to those of immediate neighbors, no people can continue to grow in prosperity, and under our laws such accumulations are impossible.

Statistics are the most conclusive of arguments and the most eloquent of preachers. We invite attention to the following, which show the increase in population in the City and the contiguous counties of New-Jersey:

| | —NEW-YORK.— | | —NEW-JERSEY COS.— | |
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| | Population. | Rate. | Population. | Rate. |
| 1800 | 60,515 | .. | 57,900 | .. |
| 1810 | 96,373 | 60 | 68,193 | 18 |
| 1820 | 123,706 | 28 | 73,629 | 8 |
| 1830 | 202,589 | 63 | 98,734 | 34 |
| 1840 | 312,700 | 54 | 118,575 | 20 |
| 1850 | 515,547 | 65 | 177,114 | 50 |
| 1860 | 813,669 | 58 | 287,876 | 64 |
| 1870 | 942,202 | 16 | 449,347 | 60 |

This exhibit is equally alarming if made between the City and Westchester or Kings, but it is our purpose chiefly to show how our policy is driving population and corresponding wealth not only out of the City, but out of the State. We are now only beginning to feel the evil effects of our blindness in our canal policy, and thus far this exodus, so disastrous in itself, and so alarming in its suggestions, is due almost entirely and beyond all question to three things—the Usury laws, taxation of bonds and mortgages, and the lack of rapid transit. This proposition, in our judgment, cannot be disputed, and therefore it is obvious that relief can only come from the Legislature.

The time has come when delays are more than dangerous, for they are inevitably fatal. Let the Legislature, therefore, during the short remainder of the present session, adopt an enlightened canal policy by approving the funding amendment; give us rapid transit; repeal the Usury laws, which are a menace to legitimate business, and exempt bonds and mortgages from taxation. Let all this be done, and the cup of our prosperity will continue to so overflow that we need not care where its drippings may fall. Let these be refused much longer, and in the next generation, if not the present, there will be nothing in that cup but the bitter dregs.

### FRAUDS IN STREET-CLEANING.

No public bureau was ever so utterly condemned by an investigation as the Street-cleaning Bureau of this City has been, by the inquiry into its management now being made by the Assembly Committee on Cities. The committee has as yet apparently only got a little below the surface; but the corruption and inefficiency which have already been discovered are far beyond what has ever been charged or any one supposed to exist. It has been established beyond all doubt by the evidence of competent witnesses that the City has not only been badly served, but has been defrauded by this bureau out of large amounts of money. Any one who has read the testimony will cordially agree with MR. JOHN W. AMBROSE, who was examined yesterday, that "the whole thing is a shame and a swindle upon the City."

The evidence taken yesterday was not less important and damaging than that which FOSTER, a contractor, testified that during 1873 he dumped 1,000 loads of dirt, taken from cellars, on the East River scows, for which he paid 19½ cents per load. THOMAS BALDWIN, another contractor, dumped 10,000 loads, for which he paid 8 to 19 cents per load; but MICHAEL MOONEY paid 20 cents per load for stuff carted from STEWART'S and dumped on the City scows. There is no explanation of this arbitrary variation, and there can be none consistent with honesty and good sense in the management of the matter. Another discreditable fact is brought to light in the reluctant testimony of DAVID ROBBINS, one of the dump inspectors, who confesses that he *might* have collected assessments for political purposes from ash-cart men and others by order of his superiors. This is equivalent to saying that he did do it, and, his superiors being the Police Commissioners, these officials are shown to have extorted money from these poor men to assist them in pushing their schemes. This one fact is enough to condemn the bureau, and to justify the Legislature in placing it in more honest and competent hands.

But the most important evidence yesterday was that of Mr. AMBROSE. This gentleman was foreman of four wards for six years under BROWN, and did the work for which THORNE reqnires four men. Being thoroughly familiar with all the details of street-cleaning, he speaks as an expert, and his testimony is therefore conclusive. He declared that the City should be able to separate the ashes from other refuse at an expense of $20,000, and sell them for $100,000; nothing of the kind was done and here is a loss of $80,000. Ashes alone are entirely unobjectionable in a sanitary view for filling-in purposes, and would find a ready sale. The other refuse should be dumped into the water, which was done under BROWN at a cost of not more than five cents per yard. The bureau, however, put it with the other, for which nothing was received, on CHARLICK'S land at an expense six times greater. The witness was certain the City could not have produced more than 750,000 cubic yards, but the City paid for 1,100,000 loads, and as a load should be a cubic yard, it is clear there was gross mismanagement or swindling somewhere. Mr. AMBROSE stated that BROWN'S receipts from cellar-dirt were about $10,000 per annum, and gave it as his opinion that an equal income could now be derived from this source. Why is there not?

The statements of Mr. AMBROSE in regard to the cost of street-cleaning should not escape public attention. It is known that the bureau does not pretend at any time to clean any of the streets oftener than once a week, some of them two or three times, and three or four leading thoroughfares daily. This is what the bureau pretends to do, and which we all know it does not do. Now, take the statement of this witness, that not only can every street in the City be cleaned daily for $1,000,000 per annum, but all needed cleaning can be done and the City kept in excellent sanitary condition for $750,000 per year. And he proves that such is the case by going into details. It is apparent to any one that 700 men with 350 carts constantly employed, as contemplated by Mr. AMBROSE, could do all the work and do it well. Indeed, this number of carts gives each only about six loads per day, and it is proper to inquire at this point what THORNE does with his 450 carts when he does not scrape up any dirt for them to remove. Furthermore, it is well known that the labor of street-cleaning could be much lessened if the ordinances against throwing ashes in the streets were enforced. Under the present Police Board, Mr. AMBROSE has found 14,000 violations of these ordinances, and only two arrests. Of course the law is a dead letter.

Considering the character of the evidence which has thus far been produced, we are not surprised that CHARLICK appeared before the committee at the close of yesterday's proceedings, and desired to have some of the witnesses recalled and cross-examined in the interest of the Police Board. He is naturally anxious to break the force of their evidence, if possible. The committee acted properly in granting him the privilege he asked. From the beginning of these proceedings it has been apparent that the more this matter is investigated the worse it will appear. By all means let CHARLICK get all the comfort he can from cross-examining such witnesses as PIDGEON, PICKARD, and AMBROSE. We hope he will not fail to recall the inspector, WINANS, who was the last witness examined yesterday, and work at him until he gets the truth concerning that mysterious memorandum-book, showing the division of spoils between himself and THORNE for the privilege of dumping exacted from private parties. The witness first claimed to have such a book, and then denied having it. Here is an excellent chance for CHARLICK, and we hope he will not fail to improve it.

### REPEALING A POSSIBLE JOB.

It is obvious that the fewer laws we have providing for unnecessary or premature public works, the better will be the chance for carrying out enterprises which are essential to the growth of the City. The present Legislature has shown a commendable readiness to repeal some of the unexecuted jobs sanctioned by its predecessor. It has repealed the Industrial Exhibition bill, it seems likely to relieve the City from the necessity of proceeding forthwith with a new City Prison, and now a bill has been introduced in the Assembly by Mr. WAGSTAFF providing for the repeal of that very suspicious and dangerous piece of legislation known as chapter 429 of the laws of 1873.

The act referred to was passed on May 7 of last year, without having undergone very thorough scrutiny. It enables three Commissioners, appointed under the act of the Board of Supervisors, to purchase sites and erect buildings for armories without any other check or limit than that involved in the provision that their expenditures shall not exceed $500,000 a year. On the 26th of June last, the Board of Supervisors appointed as Commissioners Messrs. FRANCIS M. BIXBY, CHRISTIAN SCHWARTZAELDER, and CHARLES COWEN. Subsequently Mr. SCHWARTZAELDER withdrew, and Mr. SHERIDAN SHOOK became the third Commissioner. We are not aware whether these gentlemen have incurred any expense to the City under the provisions of the law they were appointed to execute. They seem to have building armories which the City does not want. But the fact that their powers have not, so far, been abused, is no reason why powers eminently susceptible of abuse should be intrusted either to the existing commission or to any less scrupulous successor. Armories by the dozen might, under cover of this law, be erected without the slightest necessity throughout the City. The opportunities for jobbery and corruption presented by the act are quite as numerous as those contained in the legislation affecting the new Court-house.

The enormous frauds perpetrated under pretense of armory leases and armory repairs are known to most of our readers. While the records of County expenditures show that millions of dollars have been extracted from the Treasury for purposes connected with the accommodation of National Guard regiments, the armories have either been fitted up at the expense of the members, or left in the most disgraceful state of neglect. The vigilance with which expenditures for these purposes are even now scanned is not what the City is entitled to expect. Armory leases still exist at the most exorbitant figures, and we have failed to observe any systematic effort to reduce these to a reasonable and economical limit. Certainly no fresh opportunity for jobbery in this direction ought to be allowed to exist. The only regiment which is at present very urgent for a new armory is the Seventh, and that body proposes to pay for the building out of the regimental treasury. There are opportunities enough of spending money on necessary public works, without hampering the Treasury by the prospect of any indefinite demands. The law repealing chapter 429 (1873) ought to be promptly passed.

### A CURIOUS CASE.

The recent trial, conviction, and sentence of WILLIAM A. STONE to imprisonment for life, for the moment revives public interest in the incendiary fire which well-nigh ruined the residents of the village of Canastota, in this State, last October. During more than a year previously the villagers had been in nightly fear of the torch, but in spite of all their efforts used to discover their enemies, not even a clue could be obtained. Whatever suspicions were entertained in connection with the subject, from the result it was evident that they were wide of the mark. On the night of the 26th of October the long-dreaded event arrived. The incendiary took advantage of a strong southerly wind. He set fire to a barn, which was so situated that the flames could not fail to speedily communicate with a block of houses used for business purposes. Once well started, the work of destruction continued until six acres were burnt over, and the most valuable part of the village was consumed. Women and children were driven into the streets in their night-clothes, and suffered very severely from cold and fright. Many poor persons lost all they had.

On the following day, at a meeting of villagers, a committee was appointed to investigate the cause of the fire. The popular verdict was that a brand had been dropped into the barn by an incendiary, but there was no evidence that would warrant the accusation of any particular person. Every man then, so to speak, resolved himself into a committee of one to search for a clue. On the night of Nov. 9 the diligence of two young men named ODELL and INGRAHAM was rewarded by the discovery of one MELVIN D. WOODFORD, a dissipated resident of the village, in the act of applying a torch to a vacant hotel. He was shot at and wounded while endeavoring to escape. Subsequently, probably under the fear of approaching death, he made a full confession, from which it appeared that he and another dissipated person, of good family, were but tools in the hands of one WILLIAM A. STONE, a lawyer of the village, about thirty-eight years of age. It further appeared that this trio had for some years been leaders in an association composed of wealthy but worthless young men; that the members chiefly occupied themselves in preparing the ground-work and playing off what they called "sells" and practical jokes.

WOODFORD had once occupied the handsomest mansion in the neighborhood, and was considered a rising young man until in an evil moment he was led into bad society. STONE was a man of still better prospects. He had received the benefit of a first-rate legal education, and was a brilliant speaker. In the outset of his career his prospects were so good that his friends believed he would become one of the most eminent lawyers in the State. However, instead of persevering in his efforts to acquire an enviable name, he stopped suddenly on the road, became chief among the dissolute young men of the village, and finally plotted the destruction of the latter. What reason he could have had for desiring to render so many persons houseless, from the remarks of the Judge in passing sentence, would seem to be still in doubt. Now, to us, what his object was is quite plain. Having, by his bad habits, caused the principal people of the village to look coldly upon him, he resolved, like the burglar or sneak-thief, to "get square." To the minds of his associates, it appeared like excellent fun to have a big blaze and a tremendous scare, and they entered into the scheme with enthusiasm. STONE was, probably, never sober enough to seriously consider the consequences of his crime. If he had been, it is scarcely possible that he would have willingly run the risk of ending his days in a State Prison. Be that as it may, his sentence is a just one, and it is to be hoped that his fate will serve as a warning to the hundreds of young men of liberal education and good family who are to-day falling into evil ways through a love for wine and play.

### ENFORCED EDUCATION.

It certainly is a hopeful sign for the ultimate success of the measure we have so long advocated—compulsory education—that a bill for this purpose has been presented in each House.

We have already adverted to the Senate bill as containing some defects, but in its general provisions wise and sound. Mr. DEXTER HAWKINS has framed another act, which has been favorably considered by the Committee on Education of the Assembly, and they have finally agreed unanimously to recommend its passage. In its first section it is similar to the Senate bill, requiring every parent or guardian to educate any child between the ages of eight and fifteen under their charge at least fourteen weeks home instruction. Here again is the same defect as in the Senate bill, that no substitute of a six months' night school is allowed for three months' day school, this provision being extremely important for poor children and those supporting themselves or their families by street labor or other work. Nor is there required some test, such as a certificate of a School Trustee, of what the home instruction really is. This would be indispensable to prevent incessant evasions of the law by the parents.

The second section, as in the Senate bill, attempts to enforce education for factory children, but is more stringent, in that it fixes a penalty on the employer for disobedience of the act, and makes it the duty of the manufacturer that his young worker should have a certain education.

The third section is somewhat novel, and may work well, making it the duty of the School Trustees of a district to examine into the condition of the factory children of their district, and, if they find the provisions of the act violated, to report this to the Treasurer of the town. The manufacturers are obliged to exhibit to them correct lists of all children they employ, and their certificates of instruction. Section 4 relates to children temporarily discharged from employment, and seems included in the first section. Section 5 fixes the penalties and the modes of collection, the fines being added to the public-school moneys of the town. Section 6 authorizes the School Trustees to provide school-books and clothing for the children who are so poor as to be unable to procure them.

This provision strikes us as throwing open the door to a great deal of expense and dispensing of eleemosynary aid by the city and county authorities. Our public-school system should be everywhere kept free from any giving of alms. The abuses which might ensue would be endless.

Section 7 meets this difficulty by enacting that if the parents or guardians of any children are utterly unable to school them for fourteen weeks, the children shall then be considered and treated as truants, and may be placed in asylums or arrested.

The eighth section attempts to touch the great evil of truancy and vagrancy of children, by allowing the School Trustees of a district to provide a place of confinement for such children as are "wandering about the public streets without lawful avocation." This, however, does not reach the evil. Such children always have "a lawful avocation," and usually one which supports them and sometimes their relations. For this class of children is needed a special provision, opening "half-time schools," and requiring their attendance under penalty of arrest.

On the whole, Mr. HAWKINS' act seems to us the best which has been offered, and, with the amendments we have suggested, likely to be of much benefit to the community.

Still a law for compulsory education is a great step to make, and we hardly believe the public or the Legislature are as yet fully prepared for it. The Factory bill is a good introduction to it, and we hope that this simple and practical measure will first be adopted.

### CHARITABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following sums have been forwarded by us to Mr. Robert B. Minturn, in behalf of the "Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor": "One who smokes," $2; "Merchant," $3; T. V. Taft, $10; L., $10; Smoker, $5. Total, $30.

The following letter has been received:

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

About a week ago I sent you $3 in bills to be given Mr. Brace. If you received it, please notice same in paper, that I may know it reached you.

A SUBSCRIBER.

It would be more convenient if correspondents who send money for any purpose would inclose their names in confidence. Unless "A Subscriber" has given us two signatures, we know nothing about his first letter. "A Merchant" sent us $3, and it was acknowledged in THE TIMES of the 26th February. No such sum has been received from "A Subscriber."

### GIFTS FOR THE POOR.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Considerable numbers of gifts for the poor have come to us during the past few weeks, which we have acknowledged personally to the kind givers. The money has been wisely and carefully used by our teachers and visitors for exceedingly unfortunate and helpless cases in the tenement-houses; sometimes for widows near starvation, for sick and forsaken women, and for hundreds of children without shoes or proper clothing, or sometimes even food. According to our old principles, we give so as to prevent the need of giving again; we insist on the children being schooled, or learning the sewing-machine, or the parents, if possible, doing some work. Whenever practicable, we transport families to the West. Over one hundred persons will be sent West in a few days in one party.

The worst of the Winter seems over, as work is resuming, though slowly. It has been a trying season to the deserving poor.

C. L. BRACE,
Secretary Children's Aid Society,
No. 19 East Fourth street.
SUNDAY, March 1, 1874.

### OBITUARY.

#### JUDGE NATHAN K. HALL.

Judge Nathan K. Hall, of the United States District Court, died in Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday morning, of heart disease. He was born in Marcellus, Onondaga County, in March, 1810, and studied law in the office of Mr. (afterward President) Fillmore, and subsequently became his partner in their profession at Buffalo, in 1832. He held various administrative and judicial offices in this State; was a member of the Legislature, and Representative in Congress from 1847 to 1849. In 1850, when Mr. FILLMORE acceded to the Presidency, he appointed his former partner Postmaster General. Mr. Hall continued to hold this office till he was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Northern Circuit of this State. He continued in the discharge of his judicial duties to the time of his death. Judge Hall was a man of much ability, of a genial though retiring disposition, and much esteemed as a lawyer and Judge.

### THE DESTITUTE IOWA HOMESTEADERS.

Adjt. Gen. N. B. Baker, of Iowa, has printed another appeal for aid for the destitute homesteaders in the northern part of that State. He says that the Legislature has done well in giving $50,000 for seed, but they want something to support them until they have a crop or the assurance of a crop. He says: "All that the grangers can do will not be sufficient even if we have an early and pleasant Spring. The cold weather of the past few days may be the forerunner of a cold March, instead of the mild one 'prophesied' by many. I shall not undertake to repeat the facts and arguments in relation to the necessity of aid to the homesteaders. Mr. Gregg has stated them and Judge Oliver has restated them. The State Grange Committee have corroborated, and the General Assembly's Committee have ratified, the strongest statements made. I want all churches, societies, and citizens who have not given to give now." And further: "In looking over a few of my lists of homesteaders, I find members of the First, Second, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Cavalry; Second, Ninth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Thirty-[illegible]

### COMTE ALBERT DE BOURBON.

The Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes under date of Paris, Feb. 15: "After a respite of several days M. Jules Favre resumed his speech in favor of Comte Albert de Bourbon. The court was crowded to excess, and order had to be preserved by the military in the neighborhood of the Palais de Justice owing to the number of persons flocking to catch a glimpse of the claimant and his family. In a recent letter I mentioned how the father of the Comte Albert had been acknowledged by several old servants of Louis XVI. and by the last House Minister of that monarch, M. de Joly. On Friday M. Jules Favre proceeded to show how the Dauphin escaped from the temple, where he had been handed over to the custody of the shoe-maker Simon and his wife. The story may be thus briefly narrated: The Dauphin was confined in the tower of the temple, and there was only one door. Several devoted conspirators, and among them the Comte De Montmorin and Josephine De Beauharnais, furnished the necessary funds. One morning some opium was administered to the Dauphin, who was carried up stairs in a basket, and a lay figure, made to resemble him, was placed in his bed. After a short time this fraud was discovered, and the Government had a deaf and dumb child substituted, so as to make it believed that Louis XVII. was still in the temple. A doctor was called in to poison the child, but an apothecary administered a counter poison, and shortly after both doctor and apothecary were poisoned. As the deaf and dumb boy would not die, a sickly lad was procured from a hospital and he soon died, was subjected to a post-mortem examination, and was placed in a coffin. This coffin was taken up stairs, where the Dauphin had passed some eight or ten months; another substitution was accomplished, the dead body was placed in a basket, and Louis XVII. put in the coffin. On the way to the cemetery a last substitution was effected—the Dauphin was slipped out of the coffin and some bundles of papers slipped in. Louis XVII. was confided to the care of trusty friends, and all the courts of Europe were warned of what had occurred. After these astonishing assertions, M. Jules FAVRE went on to accuse all the persons who had sworn to the death of the Dauphin as guilty of deliberate falsehood. He then said that the people chiefly concerned in the escape of the Dauphin were Barras, Charette, Josephine Beauharnais, Hoche, Pichegru, &c., adding that a man named Laurent, who had managed the details, was afterward sent to Cayenne by Barras. The widow Simon, who died in a hospital in 1819, up to her last breath declared that the Dauphin had made his escape, and, questioned by the Duchess D'Angoulême, by the Duchess De Berri, and Talleyrand, she persisted in the truth of her statement. Shortly after Bonaparte married Josephine he had the Dauphin's coffin taken up in presence of Fouché and Savary, and it was found empty. It seems, too, that, in 1814, Josephine, disinclined to witness the usurpation of the Comte de Provence, confided the secrets to the Emperor of Russia. The Comte did all he could to procure her silence—offered her a Marshal's bâton for her son, Eugène Beauharnais, and a province of France. Prince Eugène refused. According to M. Jules Favre, in the secret treaty of Paris the high contracting powers stated that they had no material proof of the death of Louis XVII. And on his death-bed Louis XVIII. referred M. Trouchet to a certain chest, which he examined in company with M. de Villèle and two other Ministers. After an examination of its contents the Ministers agreed to proclaim the Duc de Normandie, (Louis XVII.) but Cardinal de Latil objected, and thus Charles X. was crowned. The Duc De Berri (father of the Comte De Chambord) was one of his warmest partisans, and often wrote to the Duc De Normandie. M. Jules Favre then related what happened to the Dauphin on escaping from Paris. He first repaired to La Vendée, as a proclamation by Charette proved, but he was betrayed and imprisoned. By whom it was not said. However, Josephine Beauharnais, Barras, Hoche, Pichegru, &c., aided him to escape a second time, and he gained Trieste, then Rome, where he was protected by Pius VI. A woman who had helped the Dauphin to get out of the Temple married a Swiss clock-maker, and the Prince was constantly with these persons, and learnt German from the wife and clock-making from the husband. However, the Dauphin was obliged to fly from Rome. He took ship for London, but, taken by a French vessel of war, was thrown into prison and persecuted. Again did Josephine and her friends deliver him, and he went to stay with the Duc De Enghien, but he was once more arrested in the neighborhood of Strasburg, and was cast into the prison of that place. In 1809 Josephine had him liberated. He was then twenty-four years old, but he had passed seventeen years in prison, and what wonder that he had forgotten his French! After a variety of adventures the Dauphin reached Berlin, but, having no passport, he could not enter the city. A charitable soul gave him a passport drawn out in the name of Naundorff, and this is how he came by that appellation. As for his physical identity, M. Jules Favre explained that that had been seriously disputed by his enemies. For example, at Strasburg he was subjected to severe torture, his face was pierced by 1,000 holes, and the bleeding wounds were washed with corrosive acid. 'When he was cured he was not recognizable.' Even under Louis Philippe he was put in prison, but he scaled the walls and fled to Holland, where he died in peace and was buried in 1845. Maître Benoist will reply to-morrow to M. Jules Favre."

### THE BONAPARTES AND THE SEPTENNAT.

M. Rouher's letter has produced the following protest, addressed by Prince Napoleon to the Duc De Broglie's organ, the *Journal de Paris:*

PARIS, HOTEL BEDFORD, No. 17 RUE DE L'ARCADE, Feb. 14, 1874.

SIR: I read in your yesterday's number this paragraph: "Who knows but that Prince Napoleon himself may range himself among the Septennalists!" You will permit me to protest against such a hypothesis. Respect for the name which I bear, the convictions of my whole life, and anxiety for the true interest of my country, prohibit me from declaring myself a partisan of a government not directly instituted by the people. The Septennal power would only have recourse to the support of those who remain faithful to the Napoleonist tradition if it had been established by the only sovereign to which we all must bow—universal suffrage. Receive the assurance of my very distinguished consideration. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE.

This, says the Paris correspondent of the *London Daily News*, is a direct denial from a very considerable member of the Bonaparte family of the Septennial power. The natural consequence would be, if the Septennial power were strong enough, the immediate arrest and prosecution, or, at least, the banishment of Prince Napoleon. But that cannot be done, because the power which vaunts itself as "solid and durable" can only live from day to day by the votes of a few Bonapartists led by M. Rouher, who proclaims, what in any other mouth would be seditious, that Marshal MacMahon's mission is "temporary," and may come to an end by "unforeseen events." The Government journals are indeed "thankful for small mercies" when they proclaim M. Rouher's letter as an adhesion to the "Septennat." The *République Française*, on the contrary, sees

# NEW-HAMPSHIRE POLITICS.

## A LOOK AT THE FIELD FROM MANCHESTER.

VIEWS OF GOV. STRAW AND MAYOR WESTON—MORE ABOUT THE TEMPERANCE AGITATION.

*From Our Own Correspondent.*

MANCHESTER, N. H., Saturday, Feb. 28, 1874.

This is the next halting place after leaving Nashua on one's progress into New-Hampshire. Manchester is not only the principal city in the State, and one of the largest manufacturing centres in New-England, but it is the home of Ezekiel A. Straw, the present Governor of the State, and James A. Weston, the Democratic candidate. In order to get a general view of affairs as seen from this point I first visited the editor of the Republican newspaper, the *Mirror*. He confessed himself to be quite in the dark as to the progress of the canvass and the probable result—more so than he has ever been before at this distance from the election day. He thinks that under the quiet surface there is considerable secret activity on both sides, and has hope that it may result in bringing out a full vote. The danger is that the general apathy will cause a light vote, and in that case the Republicans are likely to suffer more than the Democrats. The Democratic Party in this State is wonderfully tenacious of life, and, as the saying is of other tough but superannuated characters, it "holds its own" remarkably well.

The Democrats are pretty certain to vote, and they will, as a rule, vote for the party nominations right through, regardless of their character or the principles, or lack of principles, on which they stand. Herein they have an advantage. There is cohesion in their ranks, while there is no disguising the fact that the Republicans are feeling discontented and dissatisfied. They will not vote the Democratic ticket, but they may stay at home. Mr. Clarke, the editor of the *Mirror*, hopes something from the fact that McCutchins is a farmer, and will bring out the country vote. He hopes for him also some extra support in the cities as a representative of labor. The manufacturing and railroad interests have been represented year after year in the executive chair, until labor began to grow dissatisfied, and now it has a candidate of its own. I hear of a new feature in the operations of the License Alliance. Besides the public speakers which this association has sent out, it is said to have emissaries working secretly all through the State. They see the liquor-dealers and give them assurance that license in the present case means practically freedom in the liquor business, and thereby secure their favor and such votes as they may control. It wouldn't do for this agency to work with any but the "rum" interest, for many of the Democrats are temperance people, and favor license as a means of restraint upon the traffic. These are counted on as sure for the ticket if they can be kept in the dark regarding the real objects of the alliance, while the few votes secured through the tactics used with the "free rum" people may make all the difference between victory and defeat.

This morning I visited Gov. Straw at the office of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. The Governor is regarded by many as the ablest man in the State. He certainly gives daily proof of business capacity in his admirable management of the multifarious interests of this company, which is one of the largest in the United States. He has, moreover, an extensive private library, and is said to be a great reader and to have an unusually retentive memory. Hence he is looked upon as a marvel for general information, and, being a good talker, gives a favorable impression wherever he goes. He is a short, stout man, with a round and ruddy face, shrewd blue eyes, a closely-trimmed beard of a sort of grizzled tawny color, and a quiet, affable manner. He says that matters are so very quiet this year that it is hard to form a judgment as to the result, but his private opinion is that there will be no choice of Governor by the people, and the election will come into the Legislature next June. This makes the election of members of that body, and especially of the House of Representatives, of first-class importance. The election there will be in joint convention, and there are only twelve Senators, while the House numbers between 300 and 400. It is in the election of these members, who are likely to have the choice of Governor in their hands, that the liquor agitation will tell most strongly. The Governor has little faith that McCutchins will produce any material effect on the character of the farmer vote. He does not think, as a rule, they are any more likely to vote for one of their own number than for anybody else. The Democratic Party here, he says, is very stable. While it is pretty well broken up and demoralized throughout the country, in New-Hampshire it holds together wonderfully, and has a great capacity for bringing out its votes. Democrats always vote, and are pretty sure to vote together, while the Republicans are feeling sore from one cause and another, and, not acknowledging party allegiance so completely, have nothing to unite and inspire them. The vote, he says, will be light, and the Republicans are sure to suffer most by it. The liquor agitation is rather a two-edged affair, and while the Democrats may gain something by their license and local-option idea, they may also lose something by it. What the people generally, who believe in license, want, is not a license law framed in the interest of liquor-dealers and used as a means of getting rid of prohibition, but a license law in the interest of those who don't believe in the liquor traffic, and want to restrict it as much as possible. License, to be popular in New-Hampshire, must be a temperance measure, whereas the Democrats are almost avowedly making it a means of promising virtual freedom from all restraint.

Mr. James A. Weston, Mayor of the City of Manchester, is the Democratic candidate for Governor. He has been Governor once, and was then elected by the Legislature, after a failure of the people to make a choice. I found him in his private office, he being a civil engineer by profession. He is a man of medium size, with smooth and ruddy countenance, a light mustache, and thick, but closely-trimmed gray hair. He professes to have no information whatever as to how matters are progressing. He goes quietly about his business, awaiting the results of time, without troubling his head in the meantime. He receives no communications from the Central Committee or from any other quarter. His impression is that the Democrats will put no speaker in the field unless it be in the wake of the Republicans to dispute their statements and counteract their influence. His main hope is on a light vote, which he thinks will result mainly from apathy or dissatisfaction among Republicans. There will be little changing from side to side, even in favor of the former candidate; the influence of the temperance agitation, such as it is, he thinks will be favorable to the Democrats, the prohibitionists drawing their recruits mainly from the Republican ranks. He professes not to regard the License Alliance as in any sense a Democratic agency or specially intended to aid his election. He is himself a temperance man, and originally believed in what was called the Maine law, though time has proved that it cannot be enforced in the cities. Mr. Weston hazards no conjectures as to the result of the coming elections, but it is plain to see that he is confident of the success of his party. He is personally very popular, especially in this city, where he has been four times chosen Mayor, although the city is generally accounted Republican.

## THE REVENUE INVESTIGATION IN WASHINGTON.

Special Treasury Agent B. G. Jayne left for Washington last evening to give his evidence about frauds on the revenue before the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives. He took a large pile of papers relating to the practices of importers. They embrace Weighers' reports containing false tallies of weights, invoices showing the true cost of the goods undervalued at the Custom-house, and a vast number of letters which, it is said, are intended to throw new light on several important cases which have been the subject of fierce discussion. The Congressional investigation is to be resumed to-day, and high Custom-house officials say that it will result in a thorough exposition of the operations of the Customs laws, particularly the act of March 3, 1863, and the act of 1867, which relate to prosecutions against importers. They assert that Mr. Jayne will tell Congress some startling stories about the tricks resorted to for swindling the Government. In one instance a Broadway dealer in German gloves employed a very ingenious method of invoicing his goods. He entered his cases at the Custom-house with marks M IV and M V, in Roman figures, to describe them. The cases with the former marks contained 101 pairs of gloves, and were accordingly invoiced, while the other cases were invoiced as containing 201 pairs, and entered upon the Invoice Book and the Importer's Book accordingly. The Deputy Collectors checked the larger cases which were falsely invoiced to be sent to the Appraiser's stores to be examined, the importer, to escape exposure, took the invoice, after it had passed from the hands of the Customs officers, and inserted the numeral I before the figure V, which they had written. In this way he managed to have the cases which corresponded with the invoices held for appraisement, while those which he did not want inspected were taken to his store. He conducted his business unaided by any one except his consignors, and on their discovery he paid $11,000 into the Treasury as a penalty.

## "DUTCH HARMON" SENT TO THE TOMBS.

Herman Ledendorff, alias "Dutch Harmon," a notorious thief and desperado, suspected of having been concerned in the murder of Nicholas A. Schweich, the watchman at the Hudson River Railroad Freight Depot at Thirtieth street and Eleventh avenue, who was shot and killed on the night of the 18th ult., has been consigned to the Tombs to await further developments. It will be remembered that on Sunday night Herman was seen on Tenth avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, by Patrolman Carmick, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, who attempted to arrest him, putting a revolver to his head. Herman wrenched the pistol from the officer and fled up Tenth avenue, and when he reached the corner of Twenty-eighth street he was surrounded by Patrolmen Joyce, Gallagher, and Fitzgerald, of the Twentieth Precinct, who had been attracted by the chase, and captured. Patrolman Carmick came up out of breath and claimed the man as his prisoner, but the Twentieth Precinct officers refused to give him up, and Herman was taken to the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station. Patrolman Carmick again put in his claim to the prisoner, but Capt. McElwaine refused to surrender him and he was detained at the Twentieth Precinct Station-house. Early yesterday morning Capt. McCullagh and Officer Carmick, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, called on Superintendent Matsell and reported the facts of the case to him, at the same time complaining of the action of Capt. McElwaine in retaining the prisoner. Soon Capt. McElwaine and Officers Gallagher, Fitzgerald, and Joyce appeared before the Superintendent, having "Dutch Harmon" in custody, handcuffed to Patrolman Gallagher. Commissioners Gardner and Russell were also present, and an investigation was made at once to determine the dispute in relation to the pursuer. Harmon stated that Patrolman Carmick saw him first, and attempted to arrest him. He (Harmon) wrenched the pistol from the officer and fled, and was captured by Officers Gallagher, Fitzgerald, and Joyce. He also said that he had been but three months in the City. He escaped from the jail at Trenton, N. J., about a year ago, and made his way to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he worked in a chair factory, and subsequently he drove a team on the Erie Canal, until the cold weather deprived him of his employment by closing the canal, and then came to this City. The Superintendent and Commissioners decided that the prisoner belonged to Patrolman Carmick, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, who was ordered to take him at once to the Tombs for safe keeping. Harmon was taken to the Tombs by Capt. McCullagh and Officer Carmick. The secret of the attempt of the Twentieth Precinct officers to get possession of the prisoner, is the fact that the New-Jersey prison authorities offer a reward of $300 for his capture.

## AMUSEMENTS.

WALLACK'S

The public will be glad to learn that Mr. John Gilbert, one of the best actors ever seen in this or any other city, has fully recovered from a severe indisposition, and will make his reappearance next Saturday at Mr. Wallack's, in the "Heir at Law." Mr. Gilbert's part is a famous one, and as Mr. John Brougham plays in the same piece, there is little doubt that a very crowded house will greet the company.

In the meantime, there is still an opportunity for the public to witness one of the most finished performances of the day—that of Mr. Wallack in the part of *Alfred Evelyn* in "Money." Thousands of people have been to witness this admirable representation, and we strongly advise all who have not yet done so, to take tickets at once for the last performances. There are now only four more nights, and admirers of good acting and legitimate plays should not fail to take advantage of the opportunity now open to them.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

Miss Alice Harrison, a favorite at this establishment, made her reappearance here last evening in the drama of "The Boy Detective." The incidents of the piece are sufficiently improbable to satisfy the most ardent lovers of the marvelous, and not even in New-York, we think, could such specimens of simple-minded rustics and astute knaves be found as we are introduced to in "The Boy Detective." The title rôle, which is confided to Miss Harrison, loses nothing in her hands. Her good looks, knowledge of stage business, and unwearying vivacity, atone for some shortcomings, and she evidently satisfies all the requirements of a not too exacting audience. During the intervals of the play the Bedouin Arabs and Mr. Harry C. Melville exhibit their respective acrobatic and vocalistic abilities. At the matinées Mr. J. F. Little appears in his own drama of "Santiago Avenged."

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Since the change in the nature of the performances at the Olympic Theatre a very visible, and, doubtless, gratifying change in the size and character of the audience is to be remarked. The entertainment last night was of the most diversified character, ranging from operatic singing down to plantation break-downs, and, with the exception of the operatic singing, everything was of the best of its kind. The most agreeable portion of the performances was that furnished by the Berger Family, who gave excellent selections on the Swiss bells, as well as some very superior instrumental music of a popular kind. Mr. Sol Smith Russell, who, according to the programme, is one of the Berger Family, made the hit of the evening. This gentleman is a true humorist, modest in his demeanor, which all his brethren are not, and an excellent character actor, without a trace of vulgarity about him. An astonishing performance by a family with an impossible name was also a prominent feature of the evening. This consisted of walking headdownward on the ceiling, or rather on a platform representing it, and doing all manner of reckless and terrifying acts upon it. The only drawback to this portion of the performance was the apparently needless association with it of a little child, who looked much too young and tender for such barbarous work as being tossed about from one man to the other at a height of thirty or forty feet from the stage. Miss Cora Adrianna, Miss Brooke, Messrs. Sheridan, Mack, and others also assisted in a long but very interesting programme.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Mignon" was sung at the Academy of Music last evening, in presence of a large and brilliant assemblage. The performance did not differ materially from that which has been often written of in this place. The song descriptive of the unknown land in which *Mignon's* early days have been passed, was, as usual, loudly applauded; the Styrienne, which impresses alike by its strange melody and by the coquettish acting of the songstress, was redemanded, but not done anew, and *Guglielmo's* pretty romance in the last act was encored. Mme. Nilsson, as hitherto, was *Mignon*; Miss Cary, *Federico*; Mlle. Torriani, *Filina*; M. Capoul, *Guglielmo*; Signor Nannetti, *Lotario*, and Signor Scolara, *Laerte*. Mlle. Torriani, we are bound to say, recited the polonaise with very little regard to accuracy of intonation, and in her repetition of a few bars of the same number in the final scene she was even more disagreeably out of tune than during the previous act. It is to be regretted that so painstaking an artist should, by forcing her voice, injure the effect of otherwise very creditable efforts. To-night Mme. Nilsson is to appear at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in "Lucia," and to-morrow, in this City, "Aida" will be given.

THE OPERA BOUFFE.

The season of opera bouffe will be entered upon at the Lyceum on Monday. The artists, however, did not arrive last night, as they were detained in Havana forcibly, it seems, to give three farewell performances. It actually appears that Mlle. Aimée and her company were aboard the steamer which arrived yesterday, and on the point of sailing, when their baggage was put ashore, *vi et armis*, and a satisfactory arrangement afterward perfected, by which three representations were secured. The troupe may be looked for on Thursday, its members having left Cuba on Saturday.

## RAID ON A GAMBLING-HOUSE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—A squad of police raided this afternoon on a gambling-house, No. 244 Crown street, and found a faro-bank in full operation, and captured sixteen persons and the bankers. The usual implements incident to the gambler's profession. Among the persons arrested were J. M. Miller and Messrs. Marks and O'Brien, the two latter having been recently pardoned out of prison. The accused had to give bail to appear on Friday for a hearing.

## THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 3—1 A. M.—Clear weather has prevailed over the Eastern, Middle, and Southern States, except light rain in Florida and the Virginia coast this morning. An area of quite low barometer has moved eastward from Dakota and Manitoba, being now probably central north-east of Lake Superior. It was preceded by high temperature, brisk south-east to south-west winds, and partly cloudy weather over the lake region, but is now followed by raising barometer, falling temperature, north-west winds, and partly cloudy weather from Upper Michigan to Dakota. The rivers have risen at Shreveport and Memphis, but fallen at Keokuk, St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, and Pittsburg.

PROBABILITIES.

During Tuesday for the Southern States east of the Mississippi, clear or partly cloudy weather, high temperature, and light to fresh south-east winds will prevail, except possibly light rain in the Lower Mississippi Valley.

*For the Middle and Eastern States, partly cloudy weather, higher temperature than on Monday, and southerly winds.*

For the Ohio Valley and Missouri, partly cloudy weather and occasionally light rain, with south-east to south-west winds in the former, but shifting to north and east in the latter.

For the upper lake region, winds shifting to north-west and north-east, decidedly lower temperature than on Monday, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rain or snow.

For the lower lake region, winds veering to westerly and northerly, partly cloudy weather, occasional light rain, and on Tuesday night falling temperature.

The Cumberland and Ohio Rivers continue falling, and the Mississippi below Memphis rising slightly.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy, No. 218 Broadway:

| | 1873. | 1874. | | 1873. | 1874. |
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| 3 A. M. | 27° | 35° | 3:30 P. M. | 35° | 56° |
| 6 A. M. | 26° | 34° | 6 P. M. | 32° | 46° |
| 9 A. M. | 26° | 39° | 9 P. M. | 29° | 42° |
| 12 M. | 34° | 46° | 12 P. M. | 29° | 40° |

Average temperature yesterday ..... 42½°
Average temperature for corresponding date last year ..... 29¾°

## THE REFUNDING OF CUSTOMS DUTIES.

SYNOPSIS OF THE BILL PREPARED ON THIS SUBJECT.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate Finance Committee some time ago submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his opinion the bill restricting the refunding of Customs duties, and prescribing certain regulations of the Treasury Department. In reply to the question whether this measure would embarrass the department, the Secretary says the department will conform to the will of Congress as expressed in its enactments, and its passage will cause no embarrassment. The first branch of the bill is as follows:

That moneys paid into the hands of any Collector or into the Treasury from the Customs duty in accordance with any decision or ruling previously made by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not be refunded or repaid except in pursuance of especial appropriations therefor made by law, or in accordance with the judgment of a court of the United States, giving construction to the law, and from which the Attorney General shall certify that no appeal or writ of error will be taken by the United States.

The Secretary says that during the fiscal year 1870 4,731 such cases were protested or appeals made from the duties imposed. Many of them were unimportant. If the bill should become a law, it is worthy of consideration whether such items would not be greatly increased. Suits would be delayed for terms, and the courts would go on for the benefit of attorneys more than for that of the Government. The amounts refunded are not large. The important cases are always argued with care. Should the bill become a law, the Secretary of the Treasury would be bound by decisions in cases however unimportant and imperfectly presented. Importers would bring suits and the courts would be crowded until actions against the Government for the recovery of duties, while as now the department might be as well satisfied relative to the questions presented as the courts. Of the whole amount, namely, $1,822,740, paid back since the 1st of March last, including bonds made on protests and appealing judgments of courts, and on account of the Chicago Relief act, and on account of material entering into shipbuilding under the act of June 6, 1872, there was paid some $393,000 in protests and cases, and more than one-fifth was for interest and costs, and judgments under the present law. The second branch of the bill is that no ruling or decision once made by the Secretary of the Treasury, giving a construction to any law imposing Customs-house duties, shall be changed by the same or a succeeding Secretary, unless it be in concurrence with an opinion in favor of such change given by the Attorney General or by reason of a judicial decision of a court of the United States, affecting the same, upon which the Attorney General shall certify that no appeal or writ of error will be taken by the United States.

The Secretary says it has always been customary to take the opinion of the Attorney General in cases where parties disagree. The ribbon case, which involved the largest amount, was settled in that manner last year.

The third clause provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in his annual report to Congress, give a detailed statement of the various sums of money refunded under the provisions of this act, or of any other act of Congress relating to the revenue, together with copies of the rulings under which the repayments were made. The Secretary says that the only reason urged for the passage of the bill appears to be that it may increase Customs revenues by recovering moneys in certain cases. Whether this object would be accomplished a considerable period of time must determine the question. The third clause would only involve additional clerical labor.

## AN INTERESTING DECISION—INTER-MARRIAGE OF BLACK AND WHITE.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 2.—A special dispatch from Jackson, Miss., to the *Appeal* says the case of Dickinson against Brown, involving a question of marriage between a white man and colored woman, was decided to-day in the Supreme Court in favor of the colored children, who were suing as heirs of their deceased father. A large amount of property is involved. The case came up from Coahama County, and has excited great interest.

## THE ROCHESTER INSPECTORS RELEASED.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 2.—The Eighth ward inspectors were bailed out of jail this afternoon by Sheriff Campbell, to go on the limits until pardoned by the President or released by law. The two who are Republicans, are nominated by their party for re-election to the same offices, and will no doubt be elected to-morrow.

## ILLNESS OF EX-PRESIDENT MILLARD FILLMORE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2.—Ex-President Millard Fillmore is in a precarious state from an attack of paralysis.

His condition has slightly improved this evening. His physicians think that there is a chance of his getting up again.

## FATAL DRUNKEN ROW.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 2.—This morning, in a drunken row in a house of ill repute near the saloon of John Conner, a young man of twenty-five, a brakeman on the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, received injuries of which he died at noon. No arrests have been made. The officers are in pursuit of the murderers.

## ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Viscount Tarbat, of England, is at the Brevoort House.

Gen. W. W. Kirkland, of Savannah; Hon. W. T. Horrobin, of Cohoes, N. Y., and R. M. Field, manager of the Boston Museum, are at the Westminster Hotel.

J. W. Bailey, of the Danbury *News*; Judge Platt Potter, of Schenectady, and George B. Upton, of Boston, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

R. E. Carr, President of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company; Hon. L. M. Black, of Montana, and John W. Jenkins, Territorial Secretary for Colorado, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

## THE FOREIGN MAILS.

The steam-ship Main, which left Bremen on Feb. 14, and Southampton on Feb. 17, reached this port yesterday with mail news later by two days than that previously at hand.

# ALBANY.

## NEW-YORK AND THE STATE TAXES.

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE MORNINGSIDE AVENUE BILL—THE POLITICAL MOTIVE.

*Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.*

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—The sessions of the Senate and Assembly to-night were brief in duration, and but little business of importance was transacted. The bill of Mr. Hammond in relation to the collection of taxes in the City and County of New-York was considered in the Committee of the Whole of the lower House. It is claimed that New-York is always a year behind the other counties with her share of the State tax, and the object of the bill is to afford a remedy for this state of affairs. Upon motion of Mr. Spencer the bill was progressed and referred back to the Judiciary Committee, in order to afford the Receiver of Taxes, Gen. McMahon, an opportunity to be heard in regard to some of its provisions, to which he takes exception.

MORNINGSIDE AND RIVERSIDE AVENUES.

When first the bill of Mr. Daly in regard to the work on the Morningside and Riverside avenues was introduced, its Democratic advocates from New-York were loud in their professions that their sole and only object was to afford work for the starving laborers, and that they were indifferent as to which department might get control of the work. To-night it transpires that at a meeting of the Tammany Committee on Organization, held on Saturday, it was resolved to instruct their henchmen here to vote down any amendment that took away from the Common Council the power of deciding by what department the work shall be done. Letters to that effect were received by each of the Tammany members this evening. That these gentlemen will obey the orders of Bosses Kelly and Morrissey, there can be no doubt. The impression generally prevails here that the session will not pass without an effort being made to reorganize some of the departments of the New-York City Government; but beyond rumors, with which the air is thick, nothing definite has transpired on the subject.

THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING INVESTIGATION.

The Senate Committee on Finance, Senator Wood, Chairman, held a meeting this afternoon to investigate the expenditures on the new Capitol building. John Clemshire testified that he entered into a contract with the Capitol Commissioners in 1859, by which they were to pay him fifty cents a day profit on each man employed; that the average for each man's daily wages was not to exceed $3 50 per day; paid some men as low as $2 and $2 75 per day. The time was kept on a memorandum-book, and was carried in a gross sum on the ledger weekly. When the memorandum-book was full he threw it away. He had not an account of the names of the men employed, nor the number of days each man worked, nor what each one received. Another meeting will be held to-morrow evening.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Mr. Bostwick introduced a bill in the House relative to public instruction, which provides that the Begents of the University of the State shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and be subject to all the responsibilities resting upon that office; they shall appoint a State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the first Tuesday of April in the present year, when the term of the present incumbent shall expire, or on such day as the Regents may appoint, not later than the first Tuesday of June next; the Superintendent shall discharge such duties as the Regents shall from time to time define, and prescribe and hold his office at the pleasure of the board. All books and papers in the office of the Superintendent pertaining to the departments shall be transferred to the Regents, who shall from time to time make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for and appoint such officers for conducting the business and management of the affairs of the department as they may deem proper.

FEES OF THE REGISTER OF NEW-YORK.

Franz Sigel, Register of New-York, in answer to a resolution of the Assembly, reports that the amount of fees during 1873 was $126,227 96, and that there is an outstanding balance of $7,235 90, of which a part is uncollectable. He also reports that of the sixty-four officers, searchers, clerks, and other employes of the office, sixty-one were paid out of the fees collected, and the county paid for three—that is for two draughtsmen and one watchman. Among the officers and employes fifteen receive salaries, the others a moiety of the fees. The county pays for repairs of building, maps, stationery, fuel, gas, and other incidentals.

CITY SUITS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

The bill giving preference in the Court of Appeals to actions in which the Mayor and Commonalty of New-York are parties, came up for third reading in the House to-night. Mr. Alvord objected to the bill. Mr. Spencer explained the bill, showing that many poor people, unable to sustain delay, were litigants against the City, and it was but a mere act of justice to give their cases the preference. Mr. Alvord said that such was the case all over the State, and if anything was to be done this bill ought to be made a general one. But if that was done, there would be nothing in the Court of Appeals to act upon but a preferred calendar. Mr. Spencer replied that he was willing to report progress on the bill and see if it could be passed. The bill was progressed on motion of Mr. Alvord.

## THE CHURCH AND AMUSEMENTS.

SECOND DISCUSSION BY THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE — VIEWS OF LEADING CLERGYMEN.

The discussion on "The Position of the Church with Regard to Popular Amusements" was continued yesterday by the Episcopal Church Conference in the Church of the Incarnation, corner of Madison avenue and Thirty-fifth street. The proceedings opened with prayer, and Rev. Dr. Osgood called on the Secretary to read the last meeting's report. Dr. Montgomery followed and spoke in condemnation of certain papers for having published erroneous statements of his remarks at the last debate. He had said nothing at that time about being favorable or unfavorable to theatrical amusements. Dr. Peters, on behalf of the committee, reported the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That all speakers upon the subject of discussion for the day be confined to ten minutes each.

*Resolved*, That, in discussing the subject for the day no person be entitled a second time to the floor until every member wishing have opportunity to express his opinions.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to propose subjects and essayists, subject to the approval of the conference.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the committee to arrange for speakers, not to exceed three, to follow the essayist upon call of the Chairman.

These, after some debate, were adopted, and the discussion was opened by Dr. Cornwall, who stated that those amusements which had been discontinued by Christian people at any time must be defended, if at all, by other views than those found in or based on Scripture. He quoted St. Paul's condemnation of rioting and reveling and all with them connected; and also St. Peter's denunciation of comic sports, which were signified by "comus," the Greek word used in that part of Holy Writ, and which literally means comedy. He referred to Christ's use of the Greek word "hypocrites" in his denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees. The literal meaning of that word is actor. Dr. Cornwall said that the Master's condemnation of the pretended prayers uttered by these hypocrites, or actors, was a complete rebuke of the pretended prayers used in many operas and dramas. The use of operatic music in church services the speaker likewise pronounced a nuisance, which should be abated. The teachings of Scripture, he thought, and the history of the drama showed the incongruity between it and simple Christianity.

Dr. Rylance never heard such an application of Greek text as that made by his predecessor, and he certainly failed to see its justice.

Rev. Mr. Cowley asked what the subject proper under discussion was, and the Secretary explained that, while "The Church's Position Toward Popular Amusement" was its title, it did not mean the mere machinery of the Church.

Dr. Rylance explained that in his essay, on which had followed the debate, he had referred to the Church as the Christian community.

Dr. Osgood thought the object of the discussion was to find recreation for the people without dissipation.

Dr. Wilde said he was very sorry to hear Dr. Cornwall's argument concerning actors, and should regret exceedingly to have it thought that any actor was what hypocrites meant according to the reverend speaker's interpretation. Further, he deprecated the possibility of any such character being attached to the profession by the conference. Dr. Wilde further believed that every Christian man is a member of the Church, possessing an individual conscience by which he will be governed to a great extent in this matter of amusements.

Another clergyman said, in answer to Dr. Cornwall's philological argument, that the word scribe meaning a writer the denunciation of those who bore it by the Savior as hypocrites, made all who wrote since—book-keepers, reporters, and others—as bad as the old Scribes. Speaking of the subject before the conference, he said it appeared to him that the best method for Christians to adopt with regard to amusements was to follow the dictates of their consciences.

## AMERICA'S FIRST DISCOVERERS.

REV. CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SECOND LECTURE.

Rev. Chas. Kingsley lectured last night at Association Hall on the "First Discoverers of America" to a very numerous and appreciative audience. The gentlemen seated on the platform were all most distinguished citizens, including Bishop Potter, Mr. A. T. Stewart, Mr. W. T. Blodgett, and others. Mr. Kingsley made his appearance at 8 o'clock with commendable punctuality, and was loudly applauded. He began his lecture by depicting a scene in the North Atlantic some six hundred years ago from a saga written in the eleventh, perhaps the twelfth, century. It described the voyage of Bjarne from Iceland, the trouble that came to the vessel from the sea-worms, and the desertion in the one boat by half the crew, leaving the others to perish in the ship. This, as he said, was his text for the lecture he desired to deliver. The Norsemen were then on the verge of a discovery which might have changed the fortune of the world. They had discovered and colonized Iceland and Greenland; they had discovered Labrador and New-England, which they called Vineland the Good on account of the grapes which they found there, the wild fox-grapes which Lyff the Lucky found there in one of his adventurous voyages. Nothing is more graphic than the story of this finding of grapes by Therker, a German sailor who accompanied Lyff. Some day some of the great sculptors of America—for America has great sculptors—will immortalize Therker as the Silenus of the Western World. These Norsemen had, it is believed, sailed up the Hudson, and the great land of Mexico was not far beyond, but some adverse fortune prevented them from founding a great Scandinavian dynasty over the realm of the Aztec. Perhaps it was the terrible Gulf Stream that frightened them. These stories that have been handed down to us, and which form the mythic period of American history, are real, and the personages recorded were actual individuals whose adventures have been poetically, perhaps, but not untruthfully, given. There is one saga especially, which is so tragic in character, and so full of pathos, that it deserves the attention of Longfellow, the great American poet, whose tenderness and delicacy would wrap around the repulsive details of Norse cruelty a veil of poesy which would rob it of its horrors.

But how were these bold discoveries made? By the most terrible and lengthy coasting voyages, creeping onward through ice and snow and constant peril. No wonder that when the energies of the North found openings nearer home they began to care less and less for the colonies they had founded in Greenland and Iceland, and yet they had prospered so greatly in the former that they sent 2,600 pounds of walrus ivory as a tithe to Rome, besides Peter's pence in money. The sages also speak of the finest wheat flour raised there. But it certainly was less the dislike to the coasting voyages that sundered the connection between the Norse countries and the New World. It was that the sea-kings of Cnut were marshaling all the boldest spirits of Scandinavia to the conquest of surrounding countries. Let it be remembered that when Cnut died he was sovereign of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the whole of England, and the half of Scotland, and the Wendish countries almost as far as St. Petersburg. With his death the Norse energies seem to have been deadened for a time, wasted moreover by terrible intestine struggles in Norway itself. After Cnut the Saxon element revived in England in the person of the Confessor, whose ascetic life went out without leaving behind him any heir. England seemed then a prey for all the vulture races of the world, until it was seized by Earl Harold Godwinson, who is generally known in English history as Harold. The Norse, Harold Hardrada, the ideal Viking of his time, resolved to conquer England, as Sweyn and Cnut had done. But he found, along with his barbarous Berserkers, what the Saxon Harold had promised him—seven feet of English ground. There was a high feast for the birds of the air on that occasion, for there was no time to bury the dead. On the very day when Harold the Saxon won the battle of Stamford against the Norse-speaking Normans William, of free Norman race, but Danish blood, landed in the south of England to do that which the others had failed to do. The Saxon Harold behaved like a man and a King. He marched straight south with his victorious army, raising the Southern folk, and confronted the Normans at the place now called Battle. There the old weapon was matched against the new—the Saxon battle-ax against the Norman lance—and the first would have conquered if the English had not broken their ranks in the anticipation of victory. The English did not reckon on the reputation that that day. The stockade behind which the bills and battle-axes danced in the sun, beat back every charge of the brave Norman lancers, and would have won the day had not stratagem tempted the soldiers to leave their shelter. But even when this occurred, and the lancers were among their masses slaying, slaying, they were acknowledged by their enemies to have behaved in defeat like lions. They retreated gloomily to the woods, fighting all the time, and killing more of their enemies as they went than they had done during the day. It was well that the Saxons, however, should have been defeated on that day. They were brave, but they were gluttonous, and they were drunken, and they were easy-going and careless. They wanted the Norman among them. It was not the conquest of cowards by a brave race, or of an inferior people by a superior, for this would have resulted in caste and prevented assimilation. The Norman, however, did assimilate, and that in so complete a degree that in the children of the Prince of Wales the blood of William is mingled with the blood of Harold. Earl and ceorl, noble and man-at-arms, have been firmly and thoroughly welded together into one homogeneous mass.

But how did the Vikings, these barbarians and pagans, become converts to Christianity? St. Olaf, indeed, forced it upon the Norsemen at the point of the sword, and perished in the attempt. But Sweyn, a though the godson of Otto, Emperor of Germany, became a heathen, because he looked upon the religion of the cross as a sign of yielding to foreign influences. And this the Vikings were unwilling even to think of. How, then, did the Norse of England become re-Christianized? Certainly not from any political power, but probably by the gentle influence of the Christian Churches established there. And as far as history can give us any hint, much of these influences came from the Irish Church, and from the religious orders instituted there by St. Patrick, St. Brigida, St. Columbkill, and others. In Iceland books of religion belonging to Irish converts have been found, and wooden crosses made of Irish wood, and carved in the ideas of Irish art. These things are not imaginary. To those who know even superficially the documents that have been found in Iceland and in the Scandinavian countries, there can be no doubt that the conversion of the Norse fierce Berserkers was owing for the most part to the Keltic heart and intellect. For the Kelt possessed some moral qualities, some attributes of love, justice, and conscience, in which both Saxon and Norseman were profoundly wanting. They were utterly deficient in that love of nature, that enjoyment of life and sympathy with others, which in the Kelt gave birth to a most noble school of lyric poetry. To the influences which were thus directed upon the other races in England may be traced the great minsters in whose gloomy beauty, in whose every carved stone, stands out the confession of the deepest repentance.

The lecturer then analyzed the moral characteristics of the Norsemen, their courage, contempt of death, and grim humor, and pointed out the strong resemblance to them borne by the heroes of Bret Harte and Col. Hay. He concluded amid very general applause.

## THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

A committee of delegates representing the Irish societies intending to parade as usual on St. Patrick's Day, the 17th inst., headed by Mr. E. L. Carey, waited on Commissioner Russell at Police Head-quarters yesterday morning, and notified him of the intended procession, and made application for a permit to parade on that day. Commissioner Russell received the committee courteously, and informed them that it would be necessary for them to make out the formal application and place the same in the hands of Mr. Hawley, the Chief Clerk, who would present it to the board at the next meeting. The formal application was then made out, and the route proposed by the committee is the same as last year, as follows: Form on Second avenue, right resting on Twenty-third street, and march through Second avenue to Second street, through Second street to the Bowery, through the Bowery to Canal street, through Canal to Centre street, to the east gate of the park, pass there in review before the Mayor and Common Council, and through the west gate of the park to Broadway, through Broadway to Union square, around the Washington Monument and through Fourteenth street to Seventh avenue, up Seventh avenue to Thirty-fourth street, through Thirty-fourth street to Second avenue, down Second avenue to Twenty-third street, through Twenty-third street and First avenue, down First avenue to Eighth street, through Eighth street to the Cooper Institute, where the parade will be dismissed. Commissioner Russell suggested the advisability of having the review take place at the place at the south side of Tomkins square, instead of at the City Hall, so as to avoid the parade in the lower portion of the City, but this did not meet with the views of the committee, and the matter was left to the Police Board for decision.

## THE PUBLIC DEBT.

DECREASE OF OVER TWO MILLIONS DURING THE PAST MONTH.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:

*Debt Bearing Interest in Coin.*

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| Bonds at 6 per cent. | $1,214,863,150 00 |
| Bonds at 5 per cent. | 505,897,550 00 |
| Principal | $1,720,360,700 00 |
| Interest | 27,661,633 23 |

*Debt Bearing Interest in Lawful Money.*

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|---|---|
| Certificates of indebtedness at 4 per cent. | $678,000 00 |
| Navy pension fund at 3 per cent. | 14,000,000 00 |
| Principal | $14,678,000 00 |
| Interest | 32,580 00 |

*Debt on which Interest has Ceased Since Maturity.*

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|---|---|
| Principal | $9,813,390 26 |
| Interest | 291,025 33 |

*Debt Bearing No Interest.*

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| Old demand and legal-tender notes | $382,078,592 50 |
| Certificates of deposit | 50,390,000 00 |
| Fractional currency | 48,640,494 95 |
| Coin certificates | 40,569,800 00 |
| Principal | $521,678,887 45 |
| Unclaimed interest | 18,824 94 |

*Total Debt.*

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| Principal | $2,266,530,977 71 |
| Interest | 28,056,065 40 |
| Total | $2,294,586,043 11 |

*Cash in the Treasury.*

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| Coin | $85,588,222 12 |
| Currency |

## THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, (Monday,) March 2, Lespinasse & Friedman sold at public auction the four-story English-basement brown-stone-and-brick house, 15.6 by 55, with lot 98.9 feet deep, No. 206 East Twenty-fifth street, south side, 93.9 feet west of Seventh avenue, for $13,000, J. L. Seaman being the purchaser. James M. Miller, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, Thos. H. Landon, Esq., referee, disposed of a three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot, 16.8 by 50.4, located on the north side of West Forty-eighth street, north side, 66 feet east of Seventh avenue, for $12,850, the property being bought by O. H. P. Archer, plaintiff in the legal proceedings. The only other business transacted was by assignee's sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., under the direction of Chas. P. Baldwin, Esq., of several large tracts of land located in Texas, and a store and lot in Charleston, S. C., the property of John S. & Edward Pierson, bankrupts; but, as is usually the case in auctions of this character, only nominal prices were realized, as investors present were in ignorance of the real value of the property offered.

V. K. Stevenson, No. 11 Pine street, reports having sold at private contract the four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front dwelling, 21.8 by 60 with three-story brick extension, 12 feet deep, and lot 21.6 by 98.9, No. 5 East Thirtieth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, for $35,000.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

The sales to occur at the Exchange to-day, as far as publicly noticed, are as follows:

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Receiver's sale, under the direction of Isaac H. Bailey, Esq., of the valuable property, Nos. 13 and 15 Nassau street, north-west corner of Pine street, known as the Commonwealth Bank Building, embracing a lot 36.7 by 80.4 by 37.3 by 80, with a five-story and basement brown-stone building covering same thereon. This sale is one of the most important of the week.

By A. H. Muller & Son, public auction sale of the three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot, 20 by 98.9, No. 199 West Twenty-seventh street, north side, 140 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale by order of the Court of Common Pleas, H. H. Landon, Esq., referee, of a house, with lot 23.13 by 103.3, on East Twelfth street, north side, 158 feet east of Avenue C.

By Wm. Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 18 by 100.5, on East Fifty-ninth street, south side, 230 feet west of Second avenue.

By Nicholas R. Conner, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. De Witt Baldwin, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, north side, 375 feet east of Sixth avenue, with vacant lot in rear same size, fronting on One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, 400 feet east of Sixth avenue.

By John McClave, at private sale, the property known as No. 40 West Eighteenth street, 25 by 98, at 50 feet deep, for $81,500.

EXCHANGE SALES, MONDAY, MARCH 2.

NEW-YORK.

*By Lespinasse & Friedman.*

4-story English basement b. & stone house, No. 206 East 25th st., n. s., 93.9 ft. w. of 7th av., lot 15.6x98.9, house 55 ft. deep.....$13,000

*By James M. Miller.*

3-story and basement b. & front house and lot, No. 236 West 46th st., n. s., 66 ft. e. of 7th av., lot 16.8x50.4.....$12,850

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

*Saturday, Feb. 28.*

Bastion st., No. 10, e. s., 22x88.....$11,500
Monroe st., n. s., 102.1 ft. e. of Bleecker st., 20 ft. 3 in. x 120 ft. 3 in.....18,000
Franklin st., No. 156, n. s., 25x37.6.....11,000
Forsyth st., No. 37, w. s., 74.4 ft. n. of Canal st., 18.1x100.....18,000
Rutherford pl., corner King st., 20x60.....26,000
James st., No. 60, 16.8x100.....6,500
Norfolk st., No. 27, w. s., 175 ft. n. of Hester st., 25x75.....18,000
Orchard st., No. 29, w. s., 154.3 ft. s. of Hester st., 24.3x100.....29,700
Washington st., No. 391, between Beach and Hubert sts., 25x70.....12,500
M st., w. s., 50 ft. s. of Willard av., 50x100, Woodlawn Heights.....600
126th st., n. s., 125.3 ft. w. of Greenwich av., 19 x50.....12,000
32d st., s. s., 25 ft. w. of Avenue C, 25x108.3.....15,000
46th st., No. 50, West, s. s., 225 ft. e. of 6th av., 25x108.3.....42,000
47th st., s. s., 325 ft. w. of 5th av., 25x92.....9,668
47th st., n. s., 178 ft. e. of 8th av., 26x92.....14,000
124 st., s. s., 189.10 ft. e. of Broadway, 20.8x 100.....20,000
97th st., e. s., 160 ft. w. of 3d av., 20x76.6.....25,000
51st st., s. s., 108.4 ft. e. of Lexington av., 16.8x80.....14,000
121st st., s. s., 400 ft. w. of 7th av., 20x99.9.....15,000
50th st., n. s., 45 ft. w. of 1st av, 20x80.....27,000
48th st., n. s., 160 ft. e. of 3d av., 6x100.4.....11,000
47th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d av., 20x100.5.....12,000
36th st., s. s., 133.4 ft. w. of 1st av., 16.8x100.5.....6,500
74th st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 1st av., 25x102.2.....12,800
74th st., s. s., 34.8 ft. w. of Madison av., 20x80.....25,000
74th st., s. s., 375 ft. w. of 3d av., 20x102.2.....15,000
125th st., n. s., 347 ft. w. of 6th av., original, 38.9x99.11.....20,000
126th st., s. s., 60 ft. w. of 4th av., 20x99.11.....22,000
Lexington av., s. e. cor. of 45th st., 76x99.11.....22,000
Avenue B, w. s., 73.4 ft. n. of 12th st., 18.5x60, highest av., s. e. cor. of Grove st., about 50 ft.; thence 106 ft. to Mill Brook; thence 60 ft. s. w. s., lot No. 53, adjoining above, map Melrose, 44x100.....10,000
142d av., e. s., 224 st., 46.7x75; 1st av., n. s., e. corner 41st st., 22x75.....55,000
3d av., e. s., 25.11 ft. s. of 119th st., 25x75.....14,000
3d av., w. s., 26.5 ft. n. of 44th st., 25x80.....35,500
3d av., e. s., corner of 49th st., 24.7x75; thence 119 ft., thence 52.4 ft., thence 106.4 ft. to 3d av., n. w. corner of 104th st., 50x100.....2,400

LEASES RECORDED.

Worth st., Nos. 143 and 144, e. s., 96.11 ft. s. of Centre st., 51.8x92.5, 5 years, per year.....$6,000

## CITY REAL ESTATE.

## FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

THE LATE RICHARD F. CARMAN'S

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RIKER, HEGGIE & CO., No. 5 Pine st.

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FOR SALE,

First-class houses, Nos. 203 and 207 West 45th st., price $21,000; also Nos. 247 and 249 West 44th st., price $15,500. Inquire on premises.

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FOR SALE IN 24TH ST., NEAR AND WEST OF Broadway, a first-class four-story high-stoop brownstone house, 20x73—half the block; price, $50,000.

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A FOUR-STORY TWENTY-FIVE FOOT FRONT brownstone, near Park av., on Murray Hill, for sale at a sacrifice; terms easy. A. J. DUNKIN & CO., No. 864 3d av.

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## REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF

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## MAGNIFICENT LOTS,

BEING A PORTION OF THE ESTATE OF

*ANDREW CARRIGAN,*

(DECEASED.)

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 12, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of Andrew Carrigan, deceased:

GRAND BOULEVARD.

Eight lots, comprising the entire westerly front on the Boulevard, between 114th and 115th sts.

114TH ST.

Nine lots on the northerly side of 114th st., between Boulevard and Riverside av., with the MANSION HOUSE thereon.

115TH ST.

Nine lots on the southerly side of 115th st., between the Boulevard and Riverside av.

RIVERSIDE AV.

Eight lots on the easterly side of Riverside av., between 114th and 115th sts., and fronting

THE RIVERSIDE PARK

AND

HUDSON RIVER,

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Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

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Nos. 124, 126 and 128 Everson st., between Park and Myrtle avs., three two-story, high-stoop, basement and sub-cellar brick houses, with modern improvements; size of houses, 20x36, lot 20x100. East be sold.

ALSO,

Nos. 123 and 124 3d av., (late Lowers st.) West side, 20 feet south of Wyckoff st., two three-story brick stores.

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Also, following splendid lots:

Fulton av., two full lots on south side, 100 feet west of Schenectady av.

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Terms very easy on all of above property. Maps at Auctioneer's office, No. 21 Park Row, New-York.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF BOWERY PROPERTY.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 12 M., at the Exchange, Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the following desirable South Ward property:

Bowery.—The two-story and attic brick house and lot, No. 101 Bowery, east side, between Hester and Grand sts.; size, 23x about 120; title perfect; terms favorable.

HIRAM REYNOLDS,
JOHN TOWNSHEND,
Executors of Mary A. Chamberlain, deceased.

Maps at No. 77 Cedar st.

AUCTION SALE—FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE house, No. 22 West 40th st., Superior Court order, 27 ft. 6 in. front, 98 ft. 9 in. deep, on MONDAY, March 9, at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.

## REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.,
WILL SELL
AT AUCTION,
by order of
ISAAC H. BAILEY, Receiver,
that very
VALUABLE LOT
and
BANKING-HOUSE,
on the north-westerly corner of
NASSAU AND PINE STS.,
known as the
NATIONAL BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
on
TUESDAY,
March 3, 1874,
at 12 o'clock,
at the
EXCHANGE SALES-ROOM,
No. 111 BROADWAY.

Size of lot, 36 feet 7½ inches on Nassau st., and 80 feet on Pine st. The building contains over thirty offices and basement, independent of the banking-room and rear offices.

NOTE BY AUCTIONEERS.—This banking-room could be very much enlarged by making an entrance on Pine st. Fifty per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for a term of years if desired. See plans and other particulars at the office, No. 3 Pine st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 109 WEST 27TH ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 3, o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.

WEST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET.—The three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house and lot, situate on the north side of West 27th st., between 6th and 7th avs., and known as No. 109. House contains modern improvements. Lot 20x98.9 feet.

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The building not having been entirely completed in time for occupancy last May, there are still some very desirable offices vacant, which will be let to satisfactory parties at moderate rates. Apply to

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Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO LEASE.

The five-story extra-wide building No. 341 Broadway, average width about 33 feet, by depth of about 180 feet, with the extension to Leonard st. For terms and particulars apply to HORACE B. ELY, No. 23 Pine st.

TO LET OR LEASE,

The large corner office, 21x40, second floor, Methodist Book Concern Building, Broadway and 11th st.

W. H. FALCONER,
No. 100 4th av., near 12th st.

TO LET—FOR A LIGHT BUSINESS, THE FIRST floor over the bank, corner of 8th av. and 34th st.; finest location on the avenue. J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 270 West 34th st., adjoining North River Savings Bank.

STORE TO LET IN BROADWAY BLOCK.—STORE No. 20 Vesey st., 25x100, and dry and light subcellar of No. 30 Vesey st. Apply to J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

TO LET—A FACTORY, WITH STEAM POWER AND heaters, 50x90 feet, four stories, light from three sides; No. 541 West 21st st. Inquire at No. 861 3d av., P. S. ROEMMELE.

LOFTS TO LET—NO. 78 MAIDEN LANE; FIVE floors, 25x80 feet; $1,000. Apply to A. B. SCHIEFFELIN, No. 170 William st.

## DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—IN BROOKLYN, E. D., FIVE MINUTES from ferries, a large and strictly first-class three-story and high basement brown-stone-front dwelling, together with the grounds, containing six lots and a brick stable. The place will be rented completely furnished or unfurnished during the owner's absence of two or three years in Europe, to a responsible and careful tenant or party, or the reservation of the property being the chief object in view. For further particulars call on or address

WM. MORGAN & SON,
No. 85 Broadway, Brooklyn.

AT BAY RIDGE, LONG ISLAND—FOUR miles from the Battery, New-York, thirty minutes by large direct boats from the city; by cars every fifteen minutes from all the Brooklyn ferries, the most beautiful, accessible, and improving locality near the City. FOR SALE OR TO LET, with view of the property on the bay, each nine, ten, fourteen, and nineteen rooms, all improvements; also, one double house of ten rooms, with two stores on first floor. Lots for sale, with building loan. Apply to

JOHN MACKAY, No. 14 Broadway.

TO LET ON WEST SIDE.

Four-story R. B. B. S., on 34th st.....$2,000
Three-story H. S. brick on 35th st.....1,500
Three-story H. S. B. S. on 52d st.....1,500
Several fine country properties.

J. F. WILLIAMS & SON,
No. 270 West 34th st., corner 8th av.

TO LET OR FOR SALE—AT FORDHAM Heights, about six acres of land, with two-story and attic house, lately put in complete order; good stable, barns, &c.; fine apple orchard and good garden; railway station about eight minutes' walk from the property. Apply to A. C. KINGSLAND & SONS, No. 55 Broad st.

TO LET—A FINE HOUSE, AT PEEKSKILL, NEAR the depot, with every convenience; magnificent view of the river; about three acres of ground, laid out with abundance of fruit, flowers, and shrubbery; will be rented very low to a responsible party. See photograph at office of J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 270 West 34th st., corner 8th av.

TO LEASE—FOR ONE TO FIVE YEARS, AN ELEgant mansion on the west shore of the Hudson, with thirty or forty acres of land, tastefully laid out; about twenty miles from the City with frequent communication by rail. Apply to ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON, No. 7 Pine st., Branch Office No. 33 East 17th st., (Union square.)

THE OWNER OF A MEDIUM-SIZED FURnished house, near the junction of Broadway and 7th av., desires to make an arrangement with a party with some means to take the house and board the owner with his wife and child; references exchanged. Address D. C. B., *Times* Up-town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

TO LET—AT PORT WASHINGTON, LARGE COTtage, containing 8 rooms; improvement; rent $1,400. Also handsome brick residence, with stable and grounds. Rent $2,000; both houses command extensive river views. LESPINASSE & FRIEDMAN, No. 12 Pine st.

TO RENT — UNFURNISHED — THE THREE four-story high-stoop brown-stone houses, Nos. 280, 282, 284 West 46th st., between Broadway and 8th av.; price $1,800 per annum each. The houses will be put in order. HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

AT TARRYTOWN, ONE HOUR FROM THIS City, elegant furnished and unfurnished houses and cottages to let and for sale at very low rates.

S. EMBERSON, No. 659 6th av., Between 38th and 39th sts.

TO RENT—24TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH avs., house and stable; four-story English basement; French roof; eighteen rooms; rent $2,000.

Apply to D. J. CARPENTER, No. 26 3d av., Bible House.

A FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE HOUSE ON Lexington av., near 43d st., furnished or unfurnished; rent unfurnished, $2,000. Apply at No. 110 East 38th st., or to W. H. WELLS, No. 202 Broadway.

TO LET—AT PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—A THREEstory brick dwelling house, one and one-half hours from New-York. For particulars apply to A. S. MARSH, Howard Insurance Company, No. 66 Wall st., New-York.

TO RENT, IN TARRYTOWN—TWO-STORY house, pleasantly situated on John st.; nine rooms; six minutes' walk from depot; rent, $450. Apply to PHILIP S. JUSTICE, No. 42 Cliff st.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, BROOKLYN.—BROWNstone front house to let furnished; fine view of the river. Address Box No. 1,339 Post Office.

## HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—TO RENT, UNFURNISHED, ON THE Hudson, near the water, for one year or more, a comfortable house, with not less than five good bedrooms, two or three acres of ground, shade, fruit, &c.; near depot, and not more than forty minutes from 30th st. Address, giving particulars, J. H. O., No. 46 Frankfort st.

WANTED TO RENT OR LEASE.—BY A DESIRable family, consisting of three adults, a house between 4th and 6th avs.; four story; in good order, and rent not to exceed $2,000. Address House-seeker, Box No. 105 *Times* Office.

WANTED—AT NO. 588 6TH AV., NEAR 34TH ST., houses furnished and unfurnished for responsible tenants; register free; established eight years; references, former patrons.

WANTED—BY A FAMILY OF THREE ADULTS, part of a private residence, unfurnished or partially furnished; immediate possession. Address L. C., Box No. 128 *Times* Office.

## AUCTION SALES.

CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, Feb. 17, 1874.

AT AUCTION.

Fire apparatus, engines, and trucks. The following property of the City of Brooklyn will be sold at auction, on Tuesday, March 3, 1874, at 12 o'clock M., at the repair-yard of the Brooklyn Fire Department, corner of Myrtle av. and Hampden st., where it can be seen any day from date to day of sale:

Six steam fire-engines of the following makers: Lee & Leonard, James Smith, Allentown Iron Works, Clapp & Jones, and Joseph Banks.

Four hook and ladder trucks, suitable for use in a volunteer fire department.

One crushed fire-bell, weighing about 5,000 pounds.

Terms of sale cash; twenty per cent. on day of sale, the balance within ten days thereafter.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.
F. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

BY BROWN & SHCOOMLS.—THIS DAY, (TUESday,) March 3, at 12 o'clock, within their store, fresh Palermo Oranges and Lemons, cargo Tubal Cain; same to be seen on Pier No. 9 East River. Also fresh Naples Oranges and Lemons, cargo Amalia; can be seen on Pier No. 14 East River. Also 1,200 cases Valencia Oranges, landing ex steam-ship Elysia; can be seen on Pier No. 20 North River.

A. CALDWELL, Auctioneer.

EXTRAORDINARY LARGE SALE ELEGANT Household Furniture, contained in the second-stone house, No. 202 West 14th st., THIS DAY, (Tuesday,) March 3, at 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 P. M. Sale positive.

DRY GOODS. DRY GOODS.

# SILKS! SILKS! SILKS!

## FIFTY DIFFERENT SHADES OF THE SILVER, RUSSIAN, NORWEGIAN, SWEDISH, AND CASTOR GRAYS.

By recent arrivals we have made large additions to our SILK STOCK, and now offer full lines of the SILVER, RUSSIAN, NORWEGIAN, SWEDISH, CASTOR, and other GRAYS, in FIFTY DIFFERENT SHADES, this assortment being undoubtedly the MOST COMPLETE in the City. Also, our well-known CASHMERE-FINISH BLACK SILKS, much improved in width and finish.

In WALKING JACKETS we offer the following novelties received last week: The Patti, showing, through a handsome open lace trimming, any colored garment worn underneath. The Rochester, the Tolstoy, the Rubens, the Magdalene, the St. Cloud, the Richelieu, and many others equally stylish. These Jackets are in fine French diagonals and other cloths in great variety, richly embroidered, braided, and trimmed.

In DRESS GOODS will be found SERGES, CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTHS, DIAGONALS, PONGEES, in polka dots, and other novelties recently imported. These goods are in the choice colors, including the popular GRAY, which is the fashionable color for the coming season.

# LORD & TAYLOR,

BROADWAY AND 20TH ST. GRAND AND CHRYSTIE STS.

## R. H. MACY & CO.,

ARE NOW OFFERING

An entire new stock of HOUSEKEEPING GOODS ADAPTED FOR THE SEASON.

ALSO, NEW GOODS OPENING DAILY in all DEPARTMENTS of the establishment.

WHITE GOODS and HAMBURG TRIMMINGS we are selling at UNUSUALLY LOW PRICES.

FANCY GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION—our own IMPORTATION—OPENING every week.

## Our La Forge Glove,

TWO BUTTONS,

in dark shades and fancy colors, a full assortment. We warrant them, and give a new pair for all that rip or tear.

It will pay you well to visit our establishment EVERY DAY.

N. B.—We fill orders for FANCY GOODS, RIBBONS, MILLINERY, GLOVES, WHITE GOODS, or in any of our other numerous departments, upon receipt of money, by mail or otherwise. R. H. MACY & CO., 14th st. and 6th av.

## PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LUMBER FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Lumber at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' Building, Washington, D. C.:

17,000 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine rails, sawn 2x3 inches.
45,000 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine flooring, grooved and tongued, 1¼ inches thick, and in width not exceeding four inches.
500 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish ½ inch thick.
3,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1 inch thick.
12,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1¼ inches thick, and to be richly figured for door-panels.
1,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1½ inches thick.
25,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 2 inches thick.

The preceding schedule of lumber must be of the very best quality of their respective kinds, thoroughly seasoned and free from all knots, sap, shakes, and other defects, and must all be delivered in such lengths and in such quantities as will be called for by the Superintendent.

The Southern pine rails and flooring must all be heart stuff, free from all defects, as none other will be accepted.

The mahogany to be of the best quality Honduras.

Samples of each of the above woods will be submitted.

Payments will be made on the delivery and acceptance of material, deducting ten per centum until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond of two responsible persons in the sum of three thousand dollars, ($3,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform this contract if awarded to him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposal be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the lumber trade, and who have not the necessary facilities for furnishing the material.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Lumber," and addressed to

A. B. MULLETT,
Supervising Architect.

PROPOSALS FOR "PLASTERING MATERIALS" FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Plasterers' Materials at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' building, Washington, D. C.

2,000 barrels (more or less) best quality plasterers' lime.
1,000 barrels (more or less) best quality plaster of Paris, of Isaacs' or Wortherspoon's brands, or brands equal thereto.
500 cubic yards (more or less) of sharp, clean river sand.
200 barrels (more or less) sharp, clean white sand.
700 bushels (more or less) long, dry, and clean cattle hair.

Samples of each of the above items to be submitted with the proposals.

Payments will be made on the delivery and acceptance of materials, deducting ten per centum until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so; and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposal be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of lime, plaster, &c., and

## SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP LINE.

GREAT REDUCTION IN RATES, PASSAGE AND FREIGHT.

To California via Panama.

The magnificent steam-ships of this line will be dispatched from Pier No. 42, North River, New-York, as under:

Saturday, March 7, at 12 noon, CITY OF GUATEMALA, Capt. HUTCHINGS. Freight only.

Saturday, March 14, at 2 P. M., HENRY CHAUNCEY, Commodore A. G. GRAY. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, March 28, at 2 P. M., COLON, Capt. ——. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, April 11, at 1 P. M., ACAPULCO, Capt. ——. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, April 25, at 1 P. M., HENRY CHAUNCEY, Commodore A. G. GRAY. Passengers and freight.

And every fortnightly Saturday thereafter, connecting at Panama with all steamers for Central America, Mexican coast, and South Pacific ports.

Passenger steamers will call at Kingston, Jamaica, both on their outward and homeward trips, arriving at that port on Friday, the sixth day after leaving New-York, and leaving Saturday P. M. for Aspinwall.

Extra steamers for freight, &c., will be dispatched on intermediate Saturdays, whenever the necessities of transportation may require it.

TO JAPAN AND CHINA.

The splendid steamers of this line leave San Francisco first of every month for Yokohama, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, carrying United States mails.

Extra steamers will be dispatched on the 16th of the month, whenever sufficient business offers. Steamers of this line leaving Hong Kong after April 1, next, will bring freight to Panama, via Yokohama and San Francisco, without breaking bulk.

Time contracts and through bills of lading issued via Panama.

Tea will be brought from San Francisco to New-York, fast, in twenty-eight days, at $40, gold, per ton of 2,000 pounds.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

(Including berth, meals and all requisites for the trip.)

New-York to San Francisco, $50, $100 or $110 currency, according to location.

New-York to Kingston, $25 or $50, gold, according to location.

San Francisco to Yokohama, $150, gold.

San Francisco to Hong Kong, $200, gold.

For freight and passage or other information apply at the Company's office, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st., New-York.

H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.
RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

INMAN LINE.

NOTICE.

The course laid down for these steamers, and followed by them for several years, is found to pass 250 miles south of Cape Race. Although the voyage is thus lengthened about 100 miles, better weather is met with, and there is much greater freedom from fogs and floating ice, and the danger of navigation consequent thereon.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, March 7, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Saturday, Mar. 14, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 28, 2 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip ticket at low rates.

STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Havre, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.

Drafts issued at lowest rates.

For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For Steerage Passage, at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

O'CONNELL & FAULK, No. 402 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

F. C. CREAGH, No. 102 State st., Boston.

F. C. BROWN, No. 32 South Clark st., corner Lake st., Chicago.

WM. INMAN, Liverpool, and No. 9 Rue Scribe, Paris.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, March 7, at 8 A. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, March 14, 2 P. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 28, at 2 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.

Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining

SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.

Saloons, State-rooms, Smoking-room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIPS section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.

Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.

Drafts from £1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.

R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

## STATE LINE.

STEAM-SHIPS:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA | STATE OF VIRGINIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, | STATE OF GEORGIA,
STATE OF MINNESOTA, | STATE OF FLORIDA, bld'g,
STATE OF ALABAMA, | STATE OF INDIANA,
STATE OF NEVADA, building.

TO GLASGOW, BELFAST, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY, &c.

State of Pennsylvania sails.....Saturday, March 7
State of Virginia sails.....Saturday, March 21
State of Georgia sails.....Saturday, April 4

FROM PIER NO. 36 NORTH RIVER, NEW-YORK.

WEEKLY SAILINGS NEXT SUMMER.

RATES OF PASSAGE.—Cabin, $60 and $80, gold; steerage, $30, currency; prepaid, $32, currency. Drafts at lowest rates.

For further particulars apply to
AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....LACHENEZ.....Saturday, March 7
PEREIRE.....DAURE.....Saturday, March 21
AMERIQUE.....ROUSSAU.....Saturday, April 4
EUROPE.....LEMARIE.....Saturday, April 18

PRICE OF PASSAGE, IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:

First Cabin, $125.....Second Cabin, $75.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $500,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and expedition of danger at sea.

The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Greece, Wed., Mar. 4, 3 P. M. | Spain, Sat., Mar. 14, 1:30 P. M.
Italy, Sat., March 7, 8 A. M. | Canada, Sat., Mar. 21, 8 A. M.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

FRANCE, Thursday, March 5, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL,

(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from

PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:

IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....March 10, 10 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE.....March 17, 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BADGER.....March 24, 10:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....March 31, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN,

The steam-ship RHEIN, Capt. E. BUCKENSTEIN, will sail on SATURDAY, March 7, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship GRAF BISMARCK, Capt. G. MEYER, on WEDNESDAY, March 11.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:

First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30

For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling green.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.

First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 12 North River.

For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CLARIBEL.....March 13
CORINTH.....April 3

For JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA.
ATLAS.....March 6
ETNA.....March 24

First-class passenger accommodation.

PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents.
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

ANCHOR LINE

Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Dey st.

every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Liverpool, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:

Steam-ship COLUMBUS, R. C. REED, March 3.
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, T. H. MORTON, March 10.
Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY, T. S. CURTIS, March 17.

For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to
WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

D. McKENZIE, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

SAMANA BAY COMPANY.

For Puerta Plata, Samana and San Domingo City. The United States Mail steam-ship TYBEE, Capt. DELANO, will leave Pier No. 9 North River, on SATURDAY, March 7, at 3 P. M. Bills of exchange on Puerta Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City, in sums to suit purchasers, for sale. For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

TAPSCOTT, BROTHERS & CO.,
EMIGRATION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE,
Office, No. 86 South st.
Drafts for $1 and upward, issued at lowest rates.

## SHIPPING.

### CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 42 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 43.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.

Cuba, Wednesday, March 4
Abyssinia, Wed'y, March 11
Calabria, Wed'y, March 18
Algeria, Wed'day, March 25
Parthia, Saturday, March 7
Olympia, Saturday, March 14
Rhein, Saturday, March 21
Marathon, Sat'y, March 28
Atlas, Saturday, April 4

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.

Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Tickets to Paris, $116, gold, additional. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

No. 4 Bowling green, New-York.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS,

AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, WEDNESDAY, March 4, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 32 South st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, March 7, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, March 11, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.

S. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 99 West st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.

Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading, in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.

GEORGE YONGE,
Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 409 Broadway.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., AND THE FLORIDA PORTS,

AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

SAILING SEMI-WEEKLY AT 3 P. M.,
from Pier No. 20 North River.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Capt. J. T. BECKETT, Wednesday, March 4.

MANHATTAN, Capt. M. S. WOODHULL, Saturday, March 7.

Superior accommodations for passengers.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.

Goods forwarded free of commission.

Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., (corner of Warren,)
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of

BENTLEY D. HASKIL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 317 Broadway.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO, with the English and French Mail Steamships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.

The splendid steam-ship ONTARIO, Capt. Geo. B. Eldridge, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on MONDAY, March 23, at 3 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.

First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights greatly reduced.

Apply to WM. B. GARRISON, No. 5 Bowling green.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, *PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line,

Leaving Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....March 5
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana direct).....March 12
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....March 14
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana via Nassau).....March 19
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....Wed., March 25

For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 83 Broadway.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. These persons are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodations, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling agents may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, No. 91 Duane st., corner Broadway.

## STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

## PUBLIC NOTICES.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the United States, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Southern District of Alabama.—JOHN A. STANTON, FRANCIS E. LOOMIS and JOHN C. STANTON, Trustees of the First Mortgage Bondholders, complainants, against THE ALABAMA AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, and others, defendants.—In Equity.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, by decretal order of said Honorable Circuit Court, on the 22d day of January, A. D. 1874, appointed a Special Master Commissioner in the above entitled cause, to report to the court systematically and in detail, the matters and things hereinafter stated.

First.—The necessary expenses incident to the execution and preservation of the trust created by the first mortgage on the property of said Railroad Company, including compensation to the Trustees and to the Receivers heretofore appointed by order of said Honorable court; legal costs and compensation to solicitors and counsel for professional services in this cause; reasonable compensation to such solicitors and attorneys as said Receivers may have properly employed in any matter connected with the discharge of their duties; all legal and necessary expenses lawfully and properly incurred under authority of any court in relation to said property yet remaining unpaid, and all other attorney's fees for any of the parties to this suit.

Second.—The taxes, charges, assessments, and liens which may exist on said mortgaged property, or any part thereof prior in law to said first mortgage; what amount of money, if any, is necessary to perfect the title or the right of way or to any other property included in said mortgage, all liabilities incurred or advances made by the said Receivers, the claims created by the issue of certificates by said Receivers under authority of said court, the amount of money loaned or advanced thereon for the purposes directed by the order of said court when held under hypothecation, with interest thereon, and such other indebtedness created by said Receivers proper to be regarded as a claim on said mortgaged property.

Third.—The first mortgage bonds bona fide issued by said Railroad Company and indorsed by the State of Georgia, and the amount due thereon. And all the various reports of the present or late Receivers in this cause have been referred to the undersigned for examination.

Now all persons interested in the matters hereinbefore stated, will take notice that in obedience to the decree of said honorable court, and for the performance of the duties therein directed to be performed, I will attend at the United States Court-room, in the City of Mobile, on and from the 19th to the 23d day of March, 1874.

At Meridian, Miss., on and from the 24th to the 26th day of March, 1874; in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the offices of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad, on and from the 30th day of March to the 4th day of April, 1874; in the City of New-York, at the St. Nicholas Hotel on and from the 9th to the 15th day of April, 1874; in Montgomery, Ala., at the United States Court-room, on and from the 21st to the 24th day of April, 1874; and again in Mobile, on the 27th day of April, 1874, to the 30th day of April, 1874, for the purposes of said reference, when and where all persons interested in the matters and things referred to me by said decree for examination and report, can in person or by attorney, attend before me and make presentation of their claims and demands, and furnish such evidence and make such proof establishing the same as may be necessary and proper. JOSEPH W. BURKE,

Special Master Commissioner.

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For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, 3:10, and 6:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 8 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:30, and 6:10, 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Perth Amboy and Camden, 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Nahaesy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Manch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

6:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 9:20, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.

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3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

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6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.

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Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
R. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

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NOTICE.

On and after Dec. 1, 1873, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:

For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

For Islip, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 and 5 P. M.

For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Merrick, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Hempstead, Jackaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

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# LOCAL MISCELLANY.

### POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THIS CITY AND PHILADELPHIA.

Delay in the receipt of mails from Philadelphia and the South at the New-York Post Office, and the consequent failure in a prompt transmission of the same to points North and West, have created dissatisfaction and caused complaint. The blame has been laid entirely at the doors of the Post Office in this City, but with injustice there is reason to believe. The conference held last week between Postmaster G. W. Fairman, of Philadelphia, and Postmaster James, of this City, has already been alluded to in THE TIMES. This interchange of opinion was relative to expediting the transmission of mail matter between the cities represented, and both officials named are very desirous to do all possible to effect this end. The amount of mail matter that arrives in this City daily from Philadelphia and Washington is nearly four tons, and it is apparent from these figures that the labor of assorting and delivering is great. Desirous of leaving nothing undone, Postmaster James hit upon a plan for arranging the mails from the South that come over the Pennsylvania Road, which has proved a good one. Previously the Philadelphia and Washington mails were received at the New-York office, and there assorted, and from the office distributed, deposited in the boxes, or sent to the up-town stations. The Postmaster detailed two competent and experienced clerks, not in the regular postal-car service, who leave New-York daily at 1:45 P. M. for Philadelphia. Arriving at Philadelphia, they proceed at once to the Post Office there, and all mail matter addressed to this City and vicinity is in packages. One of the clerks is familiar with the box delivery, and he sorts the letters into divisions and labels the bundles. The other clerk takes the letters that are delivered by the carriers and arranges them by packages for the up-town stations, eleven in number. Taking the bags after this work is done, they proceed to the depot, catching the train on the Pennsylvania Road that leaves at 3 A. M. While on the train they arrange the mail for New-York from Washington, and upon the arrival of the train in this City the entire matter is ready for quick delivery. At Desbrosses street the mail bags for up-town stations are loaded into wagons in waiting, and taken at once to their destination. The west-side mails are carried up town on the elevated railway. The train due in New-York at 6 A. M. carries the bulk of the mail from Philadelphia, although six other trains convey mails from that city to this daily. Mails going from New-York to Philadelphia are carried on seven trains daily, likewise. Mail wagons leave the Post Office one hour of the day for the up-town stations and the depots, and in the office the large force handle the matter received with great dispatch.

The delay in the delivery of letters is not owing entirely, it seems, to fault at the Post Office, for the official figures on the books in the Railway Service Department show, for example, that on no day since Jan. 1, 1874, has the train due in New-York over the Pennsylvania Road at 6 A. M. been on time, and a low average of the time of delay would be one hour, while on many days the train has been behind two and three hours. During January, in consequence of this delay, connections with mail trains North and West were missed twenty times, and in February eleven times. The Winter has been an open one, too. The effect of the delays is, of course, irritating, whatever may be the reason therefor. Long waits for the Baltimore and Ohio trains and the coupling together of trains may have much to do with all this. The Government by legal enactment, March, 1873, increased the compensation for carrying the mails, and an allowance for weight has been fixed far beyond the previous limit. While the service in New-York cannot force greater dispatch on the trains of mail-carrying roads, they can watch and report to the department. Some facts and figures will soon be given to the public by the Postmaster, and the Superintendent of the Post Office that will throw light upon this subject.

An instance of the dispatch with which the New-York office pursues its work was well illustrated to a reporter yesterday. It is customary for foreign mail-carrying steamers to receive their last supplies at Sandy Hook, so that some preparation may be made at the Post Office; but contrary to custom none was sent to the Post Office yesterday morning of the incoming steamer Maine, of the Bremen Line. The first knowledge at the head office of the arrival of the steamer was the receipt of mail bags at the doors of the office; but the large mail, numbering 113 bags was received within doors at 11:15 A. M., and it was quickly ready for delivery. The Philadelphia mail went out at noon, would arrive at that city at 4:30 P. M. in time for delivery, by box and the carriers. This prompt handling in the midst of the usual immense business in no wise disturbed the usual workings of the office.

### THE RIVAL CHARITIES.

In Superior Court, Chambers, yesterday, before Judge William E. Curtis, an application was made for an injunction to restrain Mr. Augustin Daly from exhibiting at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, under the title of "Charity," the play of that name which has been advertised for to-night. Mr. Adolph L. Sanger, who appeared on behalf of the motion, represented to the Court that the plaintiff in the case, Isaac S. Isaacs, was the author of a dramatic composition bearing the title of "Charity," which he copyrighted under the laws of Congress in December, 1873; that the defendant, Mr. Daly, has advertised to exhibit at his theatre another dramatic play also bearing the title of "Charity;" that the use of this title by Mr. Daly is an infringement of plaintiff's copyright; that the adverse criticism which has been applied to Mr. Daly's "Charity" tends to injure his (Isaac's) pecuniary interest in his own "Charity," and that thereby he has been injured to the extent of $30,000, for which amount he asks judgment in the suit, while at the same time ask for the injunction as a preliminary measure. Mr. A. O. Hall, who appeared in opposition to the motion, contended that, if the plaintiff were entitled to any relief in the premises a United States not a State court, was the place in which to seek it; that in neither court could an injunction be obtained to restrain the use of a title of a play, there being no such thing known as the infringement of a title of a play where the bodies of the plays were not substantially identical, and of this latter fact there was made no pretense in this case; and, that so far from the reputation and pecuniary value of Isaacs' "Charity" being impaired by Daly's "Charity," the fact was claimed to be that Daly's "Charity" was infinitely superior to Isaacs' "Charity," and the only effect the exhibition of Daly's "Charity" could possibly have on Isaacs' "Charity" would be to improve the reputation and pecuniary value of the latter. Judge Curtis took the papers, stating that he would render a decision this morning between the rival "Charities."

### COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The March Term of the Court of General Sessions commenced yesterday before Judge Sutherland, Assistant District Attorney Rollins appearing for the prosecution. The Grand Jury having answered to their names were discharged until the 9th inst., the Grand Jury of the Court of Oyer and Terminer being still in session. The case of Victoria C. Woodhull, Tennie C. Claflin, and Col. James H. Blood, indicted for libeling Luther C. Challis, which was set down for trial yesterday, was postponed until Wednesday next, counsel in the case not being prepared to proceed.... Henry Williams pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was sent to the Penitentiary for one year.... John Reilly pleaded guilty to an attempt at burglary in the third degree, and was sent to the Penitentiary for one year and six months.... John Danner, book-keeper in the employ of E. W. Baxter, No. 264 Broadway, charged with having at various times embezzled sums amounting in the aggregate to $526, pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence, in order that testimony as to previous good character might be produced.... Alexander Farrell, indicted for firing a pistol at August Bunkeday at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, on the 15th of February, was found guilty of an assault with intent to do bodily harm, and sent to State Prison for four years.

### A PROBABLE MURDER IN HOBOKEN.

On Saturday night a shooting affray, which will doubtless result fatally, took place in West Hoboken, near the extreme northern limit of Jersey City. The parties concerned were John Kennedy, an unmarried man, twenty-five years old, and a widow named Mrs. A. Toner, both of whom reside on Jersey City Heights. Mrs. Toner has been a widow for little more than a year and for the past three or four months Kenedy has been paying attention to her, so much so that he was generally considered her accepted suitor. It was rumored, and apparently with good foundation, that they were engaged to be married. About ten o'clock Saturday night, Kennedy and Mrs. Toner went out walking, and proceeded toward West Hoboken. On reaching West street, in the latter township, they stopped in front of a house occupied by Mr. Quigley, and soon their voices were heard in an angry altercation. From the little that could be gathered of their conversation, it appeared that Kennedy accused the lady of being unfaithful to him, and insinuated that she had deviated from the path of virtue. They wrangled and quarreled for some time, the lady becoming more and more angry, until she finally drew a revolver from the bosom of her dress and, pointing it at her companion's head, fired. As soon as she had discharged the weapon she ran away and disappeared in the darkness before the arrival of some men who were attracted by the noise of the explosion. Kennedy was found lying senseless on the sidewalk with the blood pouring from a wound in his face. He was carried to the residence of Dr. Rau, near by, who found that the ball had entered just below the right eye and close to the nose. He was standing so close to the woman when she fired that the powder scorched his face. Dr. Rau probed the wound and dressed it, but was unable to find the ball. Kennedy was subsequently taken to St. Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken, where he now lies in a very critical condition—in fact, scarcely any hopes are entertained of his recovery. The authorities have made diligent search for Mrs. Toner, but thus far their efforts have been unsuccessful.

Dr. Chubbert, of Hoboken, visited Kennedy yesterday at the hospital, and found on examination that the ball had entered the cartilage of the nose and taken an upward and then downward direction. The doctor succeeded in removing the bullet, and slight hopes are now entertained that the wounded man will recover. Kennedy says that it was not Mrs. Toner who shot him, but a man, who walked up from behind. This statement is highly improbable, because, from the direction taken by the bullet, it is judged that the person who fired the shot must have stood directly in front of him.

### CASE OF DAVID F. RANK.

As already published in THE TIMES, at the session of the Supreme Court, General Term, held last month, Judge Davis presiding, and Judges Daniels and Donohue on the bench, an order was made directing David F. Rank, an attorney of the court, to show cause before the same court yesterday why his name should not be stricken from the roll of attorneys. The order was based on the record of the trial of Denis Hogan, convicted recently of falsely personating one Conklin as an inspector of elections in November last, and on an affidavit made subsequently to Hogan's trial by Conklin, setting forth that Mr. Rank drew up the power of attorney from Conklin authorizing Hogan to act in his stead, and that Hogan and Conklin had acted in the matter under advice of Mr. Rank that the act was lawful. In response to the order of the court Mr. Rank appeared before it yesterday, accompanied by his counsel, Ex-Judge Davies and Gen. Davies. Judge Davies, in bringing the matter to the attention of the court, said Mr. Rank had been most unjustly assailed by a man convicted of crime, and had taken the earliest opportunity afforded him to vindicate his character. Presiding Judge Davis said, as Judge Donohue had participated in making the order to show case, and was then temporarily absent holding Chambers, they could not proceed until he was present. Ex-Judge Davies said the imputation was a hard one against a reputable gentleman, and one under which he should not be compelled to rest. In a few moments Judge Donohue came into court and the hearing proceeded. Ex-Judge Davies said on the trial of Hogan it was made to appear that he had falsely personated an inspector of elections named Conklin; that he represented himself as Conklin, and acted in his stead. Hogan made no pretense that he acted under the advice of Mr. Rank, and Conklin came forward to swear to what Hogan did not swear to. After Hogan's conviction he asked for a delay of sentence, to enable him to lay before the court mitigating circumstances, and the mitigating circumstances now urged in his favor are the attack on Mr. Rank. Affidavits would be then read to the court which would fully exonerate Mr. Rank in the matter. Mr. Rank then read his own affidavit, the affidavit of William J. Shields and Conklin, the latter being the original inspector and the same who made the affidavit on which the order was issued. In his own affidavit, Mr. Rank says both Conklin and Hogan came to him with a blank power of attorney and asked him to fill it up, saying they had been sent by William J. Shields; that both parties were strangers to him, and paid him nothing; that he filled up the power of attorney, but never gave them any advice as to the right of Hogan to act under it; on the contrary, he told them he did not think it would answer the purpose they contemplated; that he was ignorant of the Election laws, never having examined them, and supposed at the time that the power of attorney would be presented to some proper election authorities, who could act on the recognition of Hogan as a substitute for Conklin. William J. Shields, in his affidavit, swears he recommended Hogan and Conklin to go to Mr. Rank to fill out the power of attorney, and both of them denied to him that Mr. Rank had given them any advice as to the legality of the act. Conklin swears that the affidavit sworn to by him, and on which the order for Mr. Rank to show cause was based, was drawn up in the office of John Fellows, and that it was presented to him by Fellows' clerk, but was not read to him, and he swore to it without knowing its contents; that Mr. Rank never advised either him or Hogan as to the legality of their act, and he never told Mr. Fellows so; that he had known Hogan but a short time, and in the affidavit he would not have verified it, and that he made his present affidavit without fear, favor, or hope of reward, and for the sole purpose of relieving Mr. Rank from an unjust imputation. These affidavits, Judge Davies said, ought to be sufficient to relieve Mr. Rank from all unjust suspicion in the matter, and he had no doubt the court would dispose of it accordingly. Presiding Justice Davis here read the power of attorney, remarking that it was a most extraordinary one, by its terms authorizing Hogan to appear in the name and stead of Conklin. Indeed, it seemed nothing short of authorizing the commission of a felony. Judge Davies replied that Mr. Rank was not a native of this State, was unfamiliar with its Election laws, and regarded the power of attorney as nothing more than a resignation by Conklin in favor of Hogan. Moreover, Hogan never pretended to act as Conklin's attorney, as authorized by the paper he had received, but, on the contrary, presented himself as Conklin in person, and signed Conklin's name. The court took the papers, saying such order would be made in the case as may be deemed proper.

### THE GOODRICH MURDER TRIAL.

Mr. D. B. Thompson, one of the counsel for Kate Stoddard, alias Lizzie Lloyd King, indicted for the murder of Charles Go drich on 21st March, 1873, made application in the Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday, to be released from the further conduct of the case. In support of the application, Mr. Thompson stated to Judge Gilbert that, at the time the accused was arrested and the investigation before the Coroner, Hon. Wm. C. De Witt volunteered to act as counsel for Miss King, and continued to so act for several weeks, when finding the duties of his office as Corporation Counsel were being interfered with, he retired, and requested Gov. Lowe to act as senior counsel. In the meantime, Mr. O. P. Gray, of Boston, had been spoken to by Miss King's father to act in behalf of his daughter, and had associated himself with Messrs. Lowe and Thompson in the defense. They had severally had interviews with their client, and decided upon a theory of defense. To sustain that theory it had been necessary to issue a number of commissions to take the testimony of witnesses in Massachusetts, which had been done at considerable expense. Since then Miss King had desired two letters to be written—one to her father and one to Mr. Gray, asking him to retire from the case. She had set up a theory of her own, insisting that she would be tried in no other, and had embarrassed her counsel inconceivably. She had even gone so far as to dismiss her counsel, though afterward recalling her letter. So far had she gone, and so many embarrassments had been put in their way, that they wished to withdraw from the case entirely.

Judge Gilbert inquired what was the mental condition of the accused, and what defense it was proposed to set up. Mr. Thompson said the defense was insanity. Counsel was particular to state, however, that the accused is not now insane, but was insane at the time the crime, if any crime is proven, was committed. Judge Gilbert said he had no alternative but to assign Messrs. Lowe and Thompson as counsel, and not allow them to retire from the case. Mr. Thompson assenting, the case, with the concurrence of the District Attorney, was set down for trial at the April Term of the court.

### THE BROOKLYN ALDERMEN.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met last evening, Alderman Demas Strong in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, the resignation of the newly-appointed District Attorney as Alderman of the Sixth Ward was received, and a special election to fill the vacancy in the board ordered for the 16th March. The Finance Committee reported in favor of removing Patrick Crooke, Clerk of the Third District Court, but the report failing a two-thirds vote was not agreed to. Mayor Hunter sent in a communication vetoing a resolution passed at the last meeting of the board, authorizing the erection, at a cost of $150,000, of a new fire-proof building to contain the city records. The veto and the whole subject matter was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings. The Mayor also vetoed a resolution passed Feb. 16, authorizing the issue of additional city bonds to the extent of $250,000 for the laying of new water pipes. The Mayor thinks that more discrimination should be used by the Board of City Works in laying out the district through which it is proposed to lay new pipes. Much of the property on the streets through which it is proposed the pipes should pass is unimproved, and the Mayor thinks what pipes are necessary may be laid at a much less expense than is proposed in the resolution. The Committee on Public Lands and Buildings reported in favor of leasing a room for Justice Walsh's court over Frank White's liquor store. After a lengthy debate, during which the fact was developed that every Police court in the City is either over, under, or somewhere in the same building with a liquor store, the report was adopted. From the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas it was seen that since the subject of costly gas commenced to be agitated last Fall the illuminating power of the gas furnished by the different companies has very much increased.

### ACCIDENT IN A UNITED STATES BONDED WAREHOUSE.

Mr. S. P. Russell, Warehouse Superintendent of the Customs Office, was engaged to-day in examining into the cause of the falling-in of sections of flooring of the United States bonded warehouse of M. S. Driggs & Co., Nos. 286 to 290 South street. The accident occurred on Friday night of last week, and the warehouse has been closed since. It appears that large quantities of tobacco, sugar, hemp, &c., were stored throughout this five-story building; the weight of stock on the upper floor was sufficiently great to cause a depression toward the middle of a section 100 by 50 feet, and the beams set in the walls slipped from their places, and down the conglomerate mass went, striking the floor beneath, also loaded with goods, and carrying everything down. So through the four floors a rapid descent of stock was made, and the scene was a highly-mixed one to those who examined the premises next day. Fortunately the accident occurred at night, as above stated, and no person was injured. The goods were not damaged to any great extent, being of such a nature that a little shaking up was not necessarily ruinous in its effect. It was found that the joists in the building were fitted into the side walls a depth of less than three inches, and it is no wonder that such an accident occurred. The building was erected thirty years ago, and was used for many years as a tobacco-inspecting warehouse. It has been a United States bonded warehouse for about three years. The last insurance survey represents the building as first-class. Repairs will be made at once.

### THE MURDER OF MARY E. LAWLER.

Coroner Woltman held an inquest, yesterday, in the case of the unfortunate young girl, Mary E. Lawler, murdered by Police Officer John Doyle, of the Fifteenth Precinct, on Wednesday last. Doyle was perfectly calm, and was represented by counsel. The first witness examined was Kate Gallagher, one of the young girls employed in Bowman's dress-making store, No. 83 South Fifth avenue, where the tragedy occurred. She testified that, attracted by loud talking, she went into the hall and saw Mary Lawler and Doyle standing between the folding-doors. Doyle said, "I will shoot that man." He then returned to the ware-room. Miss Lawler came in soon after. Said she was going home. Put on her clothes, and went into the hall. Witness next heard the pistol-shot. Ran into the hall. Saw Mary Lawler lying there shot in the face. Doyle was sitting near her. Miss Lawler had said that morning she would not keep company with Doyle any more.

Delia O'Conner, another work-girl, said that while at work she heard a knock at the door, and said "Come in," but the door was not opened. Went to the door, and saw Doyle outside. He asked if the proprietor was in. Told him no. Mary Lawler stood up and went in the hall. She seemed excited when she came back, and said she was going home. Did not see her again until she was dead. Heard a shot, and then a fall. Went into the hallway, and saw her lying between the doors. The prisoner was sitting down, and said, "Mary, Mary, I came so often," or something to that effect.

Alfred Bollenaueau, a flower manufacturer, on the second floor of No. 83 South Fifth avenue, testified: On Wednesday last, at about 2 o'clock, I saw the prisoner (Doyle) waiting in the hallway; he was very drunk; Miss Lawler was trying to lift him up; she told him not to make a noise; heard Doyle complaining to Mary Lawler that she had been spending too much money; she said, "That is not true, John;" he replied, "I know it;" I think he asked her if she would be his wife; saw Doyle fall down, and she tried to pick him up; she said, "I will close the door, John," and he told her to shut it; I heard the report of a pistol; ran down stairs and saw Mary Lawler on the floor; Doyle started as I came down, and said: "Oh! my God, my God! what have I done! Mary, Mary! I have killed you! you were my best friend." Doyle was on his knees, with the pistol between his knees; I ran for a doctor, but she died before he arrived.

Capt. Williams, of the Eighth Precinct, testified that Doyle was drunk when brought into the station-house, and said that whisky made him do what he did.

The jury found a verdict against Doyle, who was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

### SEVENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.

A mass-meeting of the officers and members of the Seventy-first Regiment was held last evening at the armory of the regiment, corner of Broadway and Thirty-fifth street, in opposition to the action of the Board of Supervisors, proposing to remove the regiment to the armory corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street. Col. Vose addressed the members, reviewing the action of the Board of Supervisors, and condemning their action as likely to impair the efficiency of the regiment. He had no doubt that of the City was unwilling to pay for their proper accommodation, the members would put their hands in their pockets and do it themselves. Communications will be sent to the Adjutant General representing the state of affairs, and it is hoped that the regiment will remain in possession of their present quarters, with which the members are entirely satisfied. The following petition was circulated, and signed by the different companies:

*To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New-York:*

We, the undersigned members of the Seventy-first Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., do most respectfully state that they sincerely regret the action of your honorable body in assigning to the use of this regiment the armory corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, and do request your honorable body to reconsider the resolution passed on the 24th of February last, to that effect, that quarters may be provided for the use of this regiment that shall be more centrally located, and for the reason that we earnestly believe that should the regiment take possession of the said armory it would seriously effect the prosperity of our organization, the location being entirely too far west for the accommodation of the members, and for the further reason that, from the inflammable material in said building, (evinced by its being once destroyed by fire,) our individual and regimental as well as State property would be jeopardized beyond the ability of the members to replace it.

The lease of the armory will expire on the 1st of May, the Seventy-first having been in possession about four years. The present yearly rent is $23,000, but Col. Vose is confident that a large reduction from this sum can be obtained.

### DINNER OF COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons took place last evening at Delmonico's. About 150 gentlemen, representing many years' graduating classes and the medical profession of this City pretty generally, sat down to table.

Dr. Charles M. Allin presided, and when the cloth had been figuratively removed, at the conclusion of a liberal menu, announced the speakers, who responded to the different toasts. To the first, "Columbia College," Prof. Drisler responded. "Our Alma Mater" was coupled to the care of Willard Parker and "The Sister Colleges" to Profs. Buckingham, of Harvard; Bacon, of Yale; Crosley, of Bellevue, and Thomson, of the university, to speak for them. Rev. Dr. Montgomery represented the clergy, and Judge Brady the legal profession. Dr. Francis Hobson & Son, Jno. Hogan, Agent; Sanderson Brothers & Co., per Edward Firth; Wm. Jessop & Sons, Attorney, W. O. Woodford; F. S. Winston; Charles J. Martin; D. A. Heald; J. H. Washburn; Carlos French, No. 1119 Broadway; Jas. Perry; H. H. Lamport; Ezra White & Sons; Park & Tilford; James McCreery & Co.; J. & G. Johnston; Bliss, Fanning & Pratt; J. W. Crossley; George Judd & Co., L. A. Chase, Treasurer; Marvin & Co.

### AN AMERICAN VESSEL SEARCHED BY SPANIARDS.

The bark Everett Gray, that arrived yesterday from Matanzas, Cuba, reported that on the 17th of February she was boarded and searched by a party of armed Spanish soldiers. The Captain of the vessel informed a reporter yesterday afternoon that on Feb. 17, just as he was leaving Matanzas, he was hailed by a boat containing ten or twelve soldiers and sailors and requested to heave to. No reply was given to his question of what was wanted, but in a few moments a Spanish officer, accompanied by two soldiers, all armed, came aboard and asked to see his papers. Capt. Loring took the officer down into his cabin, and knowing what he wanted, invited him to search the vessel. The officer said he could not speak English. After searching the vessel they took their departure. The bark then proceeded on her way. At this time, the Everett Gray was outside the harbor, and about a league from shore. No violence was attempted. The breeze was light, and the party could not be hindered from coming on board. Since the proclamation for a conscription was made (it was read publicly while Capt. Loring was at Matanzas) a strict look-out has been kept upon the shipping. The Spanish residents professed to be ready and eager to fight, but more than one of them offered the Captain money to take them away secretly.

### THE BROOKLYN ONE HUNDRED.

The Committee of One Hundred met last evening, Franklin Woodruff in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved, Mr. Bennett said that he desired to state to the public that the Law Committee of the Committee of One Hundred coincided with that part of Gov. Dix's opinion in the case of District Attorney Britton referring to the election frauds, and exonerating Mr. Britton. On motion of Mr. Bennett, the opinion of the Law Committee was entered on the minutes. Mr. Needham offered a resolution in opposition to certain bills now before the Legislature providing for the filling up of low lots on Sackett and other streets in South Brooklyn, the cost of which would amount to confiscation. Mayor Hunter supported the resolution, and it was referred to a special committee of five. The committee then adjourned.

### THE COTTON EXCHANGE.

A meeting of the members of the Cotton Exchange was held yesterday, presided over by A. B. Graves, Esq., President of the Exchange. There was some discussion of a resolution offered, and upon which the vote of members was to be passed. The resolution was finally approved, and by its provisions what is looked upon as an important change of government has been effected. Heretofore, in case of dispute, a "return," or bill of weight, could be arbitrated upon if signed by a licensed weigh-master, but hereafter the cotton must be weighed and the return signed by a licensed weigh-master. The Board of Managers of the Exchange held a meeting in the afternoon, but matters of a private interest only were discussed.

### THE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.

The time for the departure of the proposed pilgrimage of Catholics from the United States to Rome, has not been definitely determined. It is proposed, however, for the pilgrimage to start from this port, not later than the middle of next May. The name of the steamer, the day of sailing, and all other necessary information, will be communicated to those enrolled so soon after the 20th of March as the Committee of Arrangements will have completed the

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### GREAT BRITAIN.

SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS BY ARBITRATION.

LONDON, March 3—6 A. M.—A conference of leading workingmen, representing 80,000 of their class in the West of England, was held at Bristol, last night, a resolution was adopted favoring the settlement by arbitration of all international disputes.

The Peabody Trustees report their expenditures for the year 1873 amounted to $195,000.

ARRIVAL OUT OF STEAMERS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

LONDONDERRY, March 3.—The Allen steam-ship Circassian, Capt. Wylie, from Portland Feb. 21, for Liverpool, arrived here this morning.

QUEENSTOWN, March 2.—The Inman Line steam-ship City of Antwerp, Capt. Laver, from New-York Feb. 20, for Liverpool, arrived here at 9:30 to-night.

### THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

SLOW DEATH BY STARVATION.

LONDON, March 3—6 A. M.—The special correspondent of the *News* in India telegraphs that the villagers of Eastern Tirboot are slowly starving to death, and the future in other districts looks terribly ominous.

# CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

### NEW-YORK.

Hon. Caleb Cushing is at the Astor House.

United States Marshal Fiske has withdrawn his force of Deputy Marshals from the Midland Railroad, all disturbances having ceased.

The eighth annual commencement exercises of the New-York College of Dentistry were held last evening in Steinway Hall, Fourteenth street.

The First Assembly District Republican Association met last evening at No. 163 Duane street, Col. M. W. Burns in the chair, and transacted some routine business.

Chamberlain Lane reports that the receipts of his bureau last week were $484,726 56, and the disbursements, $637,900 09. The balance in the Treasury on Saturday was $1,575,313 42.

The New-York Woman's Social Education Society will hold its meeting to-day, at Plimpton Hall, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Elizabeth Dudley will read an essay on "Individual Training."

The Tammany Society, at its regular meeting held last night in Tammany Hall, initiated twenty-five new members. The meeting was very largely attended and was protracted until a late hour.

The Grand Duke Theatre was yesterday ordered to be closed until the managers of the establishment shall have paid into the coffers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents the sum of $500 license.

This evening a concert of vocal and instrumental music will be given at the Broadway Tabernacle, corner of Sixth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, for the benefit of Bethany Institute for Woman's Christian Work.

The Third Assembly District Republican Association, Thomas F. Geary, President, held a regular meeting at the Fourteenth Ward Hotel, last evening, the proceedings of which, however, were continued to the usual routine business.

A meeting of the New-York Historical Society will be held at the library, in Second avenue, corner of Eleventh street, this evening at 8 o'clock. Prof. Moses Coit Tyler will read a paper on "The Early Colleges and College-builders of America."

A regular monthly meeting of the Seventh Assembly District Republican Association was held last evening at No. 12 University place, Mr. Cornelius Van Cott presiding. Twenty new members were elected, and a like number were proposed.

The office furniture of Jay Cooke's late offices at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, was sold at auction yesterday, and realized about $1,200. The bidding was by no means spirited. The best desks sold as high as $35 each, partitions $210, and bookcases $30 each.

The funeral of the late John H. Williams, formerly President of the Board of Excise Commissioners, who died suddenly at his residence, No. 131 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, of apolexy, on the 28th ult., took place at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from his late residence.

The Free Employment Bureau of the Young Mens' Christian Association, No. 134 Bowery, is doing good service in securing positions for poor men out of employment. Last year nearly 800 persons were furnished situations in this City and in the South and West. Parties wishing to employ men in large numbers can be supplied at short notice, and free of charge.

A deputation of dealers in Washington Market applied to Mayor Havemeyer yesterday for the privilege to lease the pier at the foot of Vesey street, now held by the Midland Railroad Company, and sub-let it to those who have been deposed from their stands on Vesey and other streets. Commissioner Bredt, of the Dock Department, opposed the application on the ground that the dock was necessary for commerce. No decision was rendered.

In another column will be found an advertisement of a Patent Indicator for use on railroad cars. The object of the invention is to furnish railroad companies with a complete and accurate record of all passengers carried, whether having tickets, paying cash, or otherwise. From an examination of the working model, we judge the invention to be an admirable one, and every way calculated to accomplish the desired object.

### BROOKLYN.

The receipts for arrears of taxes during February amounted to $103,050 58.

The children of the Clinton Avenue Church will give a reception this evening.

On Wednesday evening "Grace Greenwood" will deliver her lecture "In Doors" in Plymouth Church.

A new Grand Jury was sworn in yesterday in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and charged by Judge Gilbert.

The Police made 1,760 arrests during the month of February, and during the same time 146 licenses were granted.

The United States vessels Minnesota and Florida will be taken from the Navy-yard to New-London, Conn., on Wednesday next, where they will remain for the present.

Ancal Titus, aged eighty-five, a veteran of 1812, was buried yesterday from his late residence at No. 386 Kent avenue. Mr. Titus taught Sunday-school up to last June.

A number of the East River Bridge Directors assembled yesterday at the company's offices, but a quorum not being in attendance the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday at 3 o'clock P. M.

While intoxicated last evening, Herman Ebner jumped from the first-story window at No. 47 Johnson avenue, and sustained a fracture of the right leg and other injuries of a serious nature.

The Fire Department will sell six old steam fire-engines and four hook-and-ladder trucks to-day. The engines were purchased from the New-York department when the volunteer system was abolished in that City.

Rev. Dr. Porteous, of London, England, will deliver a lecture this evening in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Fulton street, corner Gallatin place, on "Progress, Social, Political, Religious; or, Are we Better than Our Fathers," for the benefit of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church.

### STATEN ISLAND.

Messrs. Whitmore & Bostwick have surveyed the location for the proposed new docks at the old Quarantine grounds at Tompkinsville, and yesterday was commenced the work of driving the spiles for one of them nearest to the Staten Island Ferry landing. These docks are to be 65 feet wide, 400 feet long, and 3 feet above high-water mark, and Messrs. Hendricks & Boyce, the contractors, propose to have two of them completed by the 1st of May next. The entire work, when completed, will cost at least $200,000. It is understood that some of the European steam-ship lines will occupy these docks.

The convention of Irish societies of Richmond County met on Sunday evening at Duffy's Hotel, in Tompkinsville, to make final arrangements for the annual parade on St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Hugh McRoberts, County Treasurer, was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Duffy Secretary. Father Barry, of the Rossville parish, was present by special invitation, and addressed the convention in an eloquent and appropriate speech, which was followed by an address from Col. McElroy. The route of the procession will be the same as that of last year—from Port Richmond, through Factoryville, New-Brighton, along the Shore Road to Stapleton and Clifton; thence back to Stapleton Park, where an oration will be delivered. Mr. Cornelius Hart was selected as Marshal of the Day.

### WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The March Term of the Circuit Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer for Westchester County commenced yesterday before Justice Tappen, Judge Gilford, and Justices of Sessions Hove and Silkman. Only fourteen persons summoned to attend as Grand Jurors answered to their names, and they were discharged until Thursday morning. The trial of Alfred Dykeman for the murder of Thomas Maloney at Peekskill, in 1868, was, by request of prisoner's counsel, postponed until the next term.

A meeting of delegates from the several towns along the line of the Harlem Railroad attended a meeting at Moran's Hall, White Plains, yesterday. Mr. Zephar Carpenter, of Mt. Kisco, was called to the chair. Addresses were made by Hon. Robert Cochran, Hon. John B. Haskin, and others in regard to the detriment being done to the interests of Westchester County by the present exorbitant rates of passenger fare and freight charges; that thousands were taking up their abode in New-Jersey who would become residents of Westchester County in case the railroad facilities and rates of fare were equally as favorable. A series of resolutions were adopted expressive of the views of the meeting, and a committee was appointed to wait upon the officers of the Harlem Railroad for the purpose of representing their grievances, and asking for a favorable action in the matter.

### NEW-JERSEY.

The Collector of Jersey City reports $111,072 19 collected for taxes last week.

The collections and subscriptions in aid of St. John's Church, in Orange, thus far amount to $7,163. This is in addition to the $54,000 of the debt released by some of the creditors.

Alderman S. B. Field, of Paterson, died yesterday morning at the age of sixty-three. Deceased resided in Paterson for thirty-eight years, and was a prominent and highly-respected citizen.

A wagon, belonging to Wm. Kent, of Union Hill, was struck by a locomotive yesterday at the Henderson street crossing of the Erie Railway, and was completely demolished. The driver and horse both narrowly escaped with their lives.

Bishop Odenheimer will administer confirmation in the following Episcopal churches next Sunday: In the morning at Christ Church, and in the afternoon at St. Phillip's Church, Newark; in the evening at Christ Church, East Orange.

The Methodist Preachers' Society held a meeting at Newark yesterday, at which a number of reports were received from Pastors in reference to the condition of the churches under their charge. Several of the Pastors reported a number of conversions in their respective churches. Rev. Mr. Weed, Chaplain of the County Jail, stated that he had never known a case of permanent reform as the result of imitation. Many of the prisoners profess reformation, but they invariably fall away from grace as soon as they are released.

### RECEIVERS OF STOLEN GOODS ARRESTED.

During the past eighteen months Potter Brothers, manufacturers of domestic goods, Nos. 443 and 445 Broadway, and Nos. 20 and 22 Mercer street, have missed quantities of their stock, amounting in value to between $5,000 and $6,000. They gave the case into the hands of Detectives Tilley and Heidelberg, of the Central Office, who began working up the case two weeks ago. They began by watching the employes of the store, and their suspicions became centered on Charles E. Fisher, the entry and shipping clerk of the firm, who resided at Plainville, New-Jersey. They noticed that Fisher was very intimate with one Joseph Spero, a Jew, who lived at No. 17 Railroad avenue, and who had been employed in a dollar store at No. 34 Newark avenue, Jersey City. They enlisted the services of Detective A. Howard, of Jersey City, and began investigating Spero's character and conduct. They found that a number of heavy cases, apparently containing goods, were being delivered to Spero by a young man named Louis Saville, in the employ of Snowden's Express. They questioned Saville, who at once produced the books of the express company, and so confused the detectives that in the usual way of business the goods had been consigned to Spero by Fisher, from No. 22 Mercer street. Mr. Saville also informed the detectives that Spero reconsigned the goods to Jacob Eisenberg, a peddler store-keeper, at No. 94 Forsythe street. The detectives also found that Spero, having evidently gained the knowledge that detectives were after him, had fled from Jersey City, and was living with his wife in the tenement-house No. 31 Suffolk street. They arrested Spero, Fisher, and Eisenberg, who, on being arraigned at the Tombs, yesterday, were held for trial, without bail.

### NEWS PACKAGES FOR THE PRESS.

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### MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....6:31 | Sun sets.....5:54 | Moon rises..6:23

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..7:49 | Gov. Island..8:38 | Hell Gate..10:00

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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Steam-ships Richmond, Lawrence, Norfolk, &c., Old Dominion Steam-ship Co; Pranconia, Bragg, Portland.

Ship Hudson, Knight, London, &c., Grinnel, Minturn & Co.

Barks Mozart, (Ger.,) Jullehesen, Bremen for orders, C. Luling; Acacia, Anderson, Nuevitas, &c., Jas. W. Elwell & Co; Fernfield, (Norw.,) Paulsen, Copenhagen, &c., Tetens & Bockmann; Czarina, (Br.,) Nichols, Havre for orders, R. P. Buck & Co.; Atlantic, Dickerson, Bermuda, H. Trowbridge & Son; Creditu, (Ital.,) Paragallo, Cork or Falmouth, Norrish Lee Co.; Nor. 119, Broadway; Jamech, (Ger.,) Jahuke, Stettin for orders,